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Prachanda loses trust vote in Nepal

Sanjeev Satgainya
KATHMANDU

Pushpa Kamal Dahal

Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on Friday lost his vote of confidence, leading to the fall of his one-and-a-half-year-old government.

Prachanda, 69, had sought a vote of confidence after his coalition partner, the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist), on July 3 withdrew its support to the government. After Friday's vote, Speaker Devraj Ghimire announced that of the 258 parliamentarians present, 63 voted in the Prime Minister's favour while 194 voted against. One lawmaker abstained. In the 275-member Parliament, 138 votes are needed to prove the majority.

President Ram Chandra Poudel on Friday called on parties to present a claim, latest by 5 p.m. Sunday, to form a new government.

As per a deal reached between the Nepali Congress and the CPN-UML, the two largest parties in Parliament with 88 and 78 seats, respectively, the UML's K.P. Sharma Oli is set to stake a claim to the government.

Earlier in the day, Prachanda said in Parliament he was betrayed by the UML and that a government by the two largest forces in Parliament was a threat to democracy. "I am worried about regression and authoritarianism," he said. "An alliance of two largest parties fuels anarchy and weakens democracy."

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Kejriwal gets interim bail in Delhi excise policy case

SC relief in the ED case will not see the Delhi CM released from jail as he is under remand in a related CBI case; top court leaves it to Kejriwal to take a call on stepping down from CM post

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday granted interim bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in money laundering charges linked to the excise policy case, but left him to take a call on whether he should now step down from office, in light of the allegations against him.

The relief would also not translate to an actual release from jail as Mr. Kejriwal was separately arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) under the Prevention of Corruption Act in connection with the same case on June 25. He is currently under remand in the CBI case.

"We are conscious that Arvind Kejriwal is an elected leader and the Chief Minister of Delhi, a post holding importance and influence. We have also referred to the allegations. While we do not give any direction, since we are doubtful whether the court can direct an elected leader to step down or not function as the Chief Minister or as a Minister, we leave it to Arvind Kejriwal to take a call," a Bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta observed.

This is the second time the Supreme Court has allowed Mr. Kejriwal interim bail in the case. The first instance was on May 10 during the Lok Sabha election.

Justice Khanna said Mr. Kejriwal deserved interim bail. His rights of life and liberty were "sacrosanct". He had been incarcerated for over 90 days. The court reiterated the same bail conditions imposed on Mr. Kejriwal in its May 10 interim order, including a bar on him from visiting the Chief Minister's office or signing official files.

The two-judge Bench asked a larger Bench to frame questions and decide bail conditions that could be imposed by courts in future in cases like that of Mr. Kejriwal, a sitting Chief Minister in custody and facing money laundering charges.

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Long haul

A timeline of the orders pronounced by courts following Kejriwal's arrest in the liquor policy case on March 21

April 9: Delhi High Court rejects the Chief Minister's challenge against his arrest

May 21: The Supreme Court reserves judgment after Kejriwal's appeal

June 20: A Special Court grants Kejriwal bail

June 21: The High Court suspends Kejriwal's release and reserves order after ED's appeal

June 25: The High Court gives a reasoned order staying the bail

July 12: The Supreme Court grants Kejriwal interim bail

Stay on bail should only be granted in rare cases: SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday said an inclination seen among higher courts to stall bail creates a real and present danger to the rights of personal liberty and due process.

A Bench of Justices A.S. Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan said the propensity to stay reasoned bail orders passed by trial courts was "shocking". "Stay on bail should not be granted except in very rare and exceptional cases. Stay of a bail order should be given only if there is apparent perversity or if provisions of law mandating the satisfaction of certain special conditions were not satisfied or if the person is a terrorist," Justice Oka said, adding that high courts cannot pass them mechanically.

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Why the 2024 F1 season has the makings of a blockbuster

The sport's fans have longed for a situation in which multiple constructors are in contention for victories, and out of nowhere in 2024, this compelling scenario has manifested. Moreover, the four teams that have tasted victory this year have top driver lineups, which allows for great racing

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Last weekend's British Grand Prix at the iconic Silverstone circuit served up one of the season's best races so far. The famed fickle British summer – periods of glorious sunshine interspersed with spells of rain – helped spice things up at the front. As many as five drivers across three teams were in contention for the win before Lewis Hamilton took a record ninth victory on home soil – the most by any driver at one circuit – and his first since 2021.

With 12 races completed, the 75th Formula One championship has reached its midpoint. A lot has changed since the start of the year, and the dramatic upheaval in the pecking order means an intriguing second half of the year beckons.

Dispiriting early signs

In 2023, F1 saw the most one-sided campaign in the sport's history. Max Verstappen won an astounding 19 of the 22 races en route to his third drivers' crown, while Red Bull won 21. And when the same combination won four of the first five races in 2024, there was trepidation it would be a repeat of the last two years, with Verstappen sleepwalking to the title without a fight.

However, things have turned exciting over the last seven races. After the Chinese GP, four different drivers and three teams other than Red Bull have climbed onto the podium's top step.

The recent uptick in the form of McLaren and Mercedes – Ferrari is somewhere in the mix, having won two races but is on a downward trend – has reinvigorated the championship.

Lando Norris

Now that Red Bull's advantage has all but evaporated, Verstappen will be forced to battle wheel-to-wheel, something he hasn't had to worry about since 2022

At the season's halfway stage, Verstappen and Red Bull lead the drivers' and constructors' standings. Verstappen is 84 points ahead of Lando Norris, and Red Bull has a 71-point lead over Ferrari. The frontrunners might appear comfortable, but the competitive order, much like the British weather, has become unpredictable, whetting the appetite for the 12 remaining races.

In the first third of the year, Red Bull and Ferrari were the top two, followed by McLaren and Mercedes. But in the seven races starting with the Miami GP, when McLaren brought its first significant upgrade, it has scored the most points, 199 compared to Red Bull's 178.

The new parts helped Norris win the Miami race, his first in F1. Since then, Red Bull and McLaren have been on par, in terms of pace, with the latter even a nose ahead on some circuits.

Red Bull has shown a remarkable ability to out-develop its rivals in the past, but has struggled in recent times to pull clear of the field. It will be interesting to see how the reigning champion, which has lost technical genius Adrian Newey, develops the car through the rest of the year.

At the same time, McLaren's long exile from fighting at the sharp end has diminished its ability to seize moments. It arguably lost wins in Imola, Canada, Spain and Britain due to strategic errors and driver mistakes.

Max proves his worth

Even as rivals have significantly eaten into Red Bull's advantage, Verstappen has shown why he is widely considered the best driver on the grid and is so highly paid. Though he doesn't enjoy the significant car advantage he once did, the 26-year-old has proved his worth by executing stellar drives to snatch opportunistic wins in Imola, Canada and Barcelona.

Now that Red Bull's superiority has all but evaporated, Verstappen will be forced to battle wheel-to-wheel, something he hasn't had to worry about since 2022. While he is ruthless and often clinical in combat, he has also on occasion crossed the line of what is acceptable.

And it all came to the fore in Austria when the early-years Verstappen resurfaced, trying to defend his lead from a hard-charging Norris. The three-time champion moved under braking, was aggressive when they were alongside each other and triggered a collision, damaging both their cars and helping George Russell take his second career victory.

It was Mercedes' first win since 2022 and the German marque seems to have found its feet after the struggles of the last two years, securing back-to-back wins in Austria and Britain. The 'Three-pointed star' was swift to pick up the pieces when the opportunity opened up.

The introduction of a new front wing in Monaco seems to have unlocked the car's potential to be consistent across a wide range of conditions.

Russell took pole position in Canada and Britain, showing that his side had caught up to the frontrunners. Even if the race pace still seems a few tenths per lap slower than Red Bull and McLaren, the team has, at least, discovered the right path after being lost for a few years.

Unlike McLaren and Mercedes, Ferrari has gone the other way. The Scuderia started out as Red Bull's closest challenger, winning in Australia (Carlos Sainz) and Monaco (Charles Leclerc) but has struggled in the developmental race. The upgrades introduced in Imola and Spain seem to have failed. To make things worse, Ferrari had to remove those new parts in Silverstone because they introduced handling issues.

The recent uptick in the form of McLaren and Mercedes – Ferrari is somewhere in the mix, having won two races but is on a downward trend – has reinvigorated the championship

The lack of pace has forced the Prancing Horse into adventurous strategies such as running dry tyres on a wet track (Canada) and vice versa (Britain), in a desperate bid to stay ahead of the weather forecast. The Italian giant might still be competitive on certain tracks but the alarm bells should start ringing in Maranello as it starts to slip further behind.

Since the high of 2021, when Verstappen and Hamilton battled for the title until the last lap of the season, F1 has struggled to deliver an intense, exciting title fight. Although 2021 was iconic, it was eventually just a two-horse race.

F1 has longed for a situation in which multiple constructors are in contention for victories, and out of nowhere in 2024, it has just manifested. More importantly, the four teams that have won races this year have outstanding driver lineups, which allows for great racing.

Plenty to play for

Though the titles are far from done – 336 points (including three Sprint races) are up for grabs in the drivers' championship – it is hard to see anyone push Verstappen off his perch. The Dutchman may reap the rewards of his early-season hard work. However, the constructors' title, more significant because it determines the teams' prize money, is very much in play.

Both Ferrari and McLaren, 71 and 78 points behind Red Bull respectively, have objectively better driver pairings than the reigning champion, which is overdependent on Verstappen. Sergio Perez has had a horrid seven-race stretch, scoring only 33 points and putting the energy drinks giant's lead in jeopardy.

At the start of the year, many racing fans would have reluctantly settled for Verstappen and Red Bull being made to sweat it out for wins, given their previous dominance. Now, over the course of two months, things have turned to such a degree that at least one of Red Bull's titles is under threat. The stage has been set for an exhilarating second half. Bring it on!

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Jannik Sinner	22	9,890	18
2	Novak Djokovic	37	8,360	18
3	Carlos Alcaraz	21	8,130	17
4	Alexander Zverev	27	6,905	25
5	Daniil Medvedev	28	6,445	18
6	Andrey Rublev	26	4,420	24
7	Hubert Hurkacz	27	4,235	23
8	Casper Ruud	25	4,025	24
9	Alex de Minaur	25	3,830	25
10	Grigor Dimitrov	33	3,750	21
11	Stefanos Tsitsipas	25	3,745	23
12	Taylor Fritz	26	3,350	24
13	Tommy Paul	27	3,100	23
14	Ben Shelton	21	2,595	25
15	Holger Rune	21	2,370	23

Top Indians ▸

Sumit Nagal
Rank 73 ▼ 1 spot

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 330 ▼ 1 spot

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	23	11,585	18
2	Coco Gauff	20	7,943	18
3	Aryna Sabalenka	26	7,841	17
4	Elena Rybakina	25	6,026	19
5	Jessica Pegula	30	5,025	22
6	Marketa Vondrousova	25	4,463	18
7	Jasmine Paolini	28	4,228	25
8	Qinwen Zheng	21	4,055	20
9	Maria Sakkari	28	3,805	24
10	Ons Jabeur	29	3,801	23
11	Danielle Collins	30	3,532	20
12	Daria Kasatkina	27	3,283	24
13	Madison Keys	29	3,068	16
14	Jelena Ostapenko	27	3,058	23
15	Liudmila Samsonova	25	2,830	25

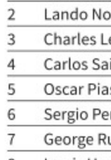
Top Indians ▸

Ankita Raina
Rank 261 ▲▼ No change

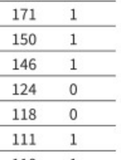
Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 305 ▲ 15 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	255	7
2	Lando Norris	McLaren	171	1
3	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	150	1
4	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	146	1
5	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	124	0
6	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	118	0
7	George Russell	Mercedes	111	1
8	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	110	1
9	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	45	0
10	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	23	0
11	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	22	0
12	Yuki Tsunoda	RB	20	0
13	Daniel Ricciardo	RB	11	0
14	Oliver Bearman	Ferrari	6	0
15	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	6	0
16	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	5	0
17	Alex Albon	Williams	4	0
18	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	3	0
19	Zhou Guanyu	Sauber	0	0
20	Logan Sargeant	Williams	0	0



Max Verstappen



Lando Norris

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	Red Bull	373	7
2	Ferrari	302	2
3	McLaren	295	1
4	Mercedes	221	2
5	Aston Martin	68	0
6	RB	31	0
7	Haas	27	0
8	Alpine	9	0
9	Williams	4	0
10	Sauber	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Shi Yu Qi	102,415	18
2	Viktor Axelsen	93,870	15
3	Jonatan Christie	89,447	18
4	Anders Antonsen	89,241	23
5	Kodai Naraoka	83,697	21
6	Li Shi Feng	82,196	18
7	Lee Zii Jia	78,816	24
8	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	77,508	17
9	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	70,485	18
10	Loh Kean Yew	65,193	24
11	Kenta Nishimoto	64,852	25
12	Chou Tien Chen	64,567	30
13	Prannoy H. S.	63,542	19
14	Koki Watanabe	59,684	22
15	Lu Guang Zu	59,271	22

Top Indians ▸

Prannoy H. S.
Rank 13

Lakshya Sen
Rank 19

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	113,217	16
2	Chen Yu Fei	104,282	18
3	Tai Tzu Ying	92,221	18
4	Carolina Marin	88,786	16
5	Akane Yamaguchi	83,277	12
6	Wang Zhi Yi	83,215	21
7	Han Yue	77,609	24
8	He Bing Jiao	74,868	17
9	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	73,862	22
10	Aya Ohori	66,267	24
11	Beiwen Zhang	64,556	23
12	Nozomi Okuhara	62,911	23
13	P.V. Sindhu	59,782	16
14	Zhang Yi Man	59,734	19
15	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	58,440	24

Top Indians ▸

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 13

Aakarshi Kashyap
Rank 40

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Kane Williamson	859	919
2	Joe Root	824	923
3	Babar Azam	768	882
3	Daryl Mitchell	768	804
5	Steve Smith	757	947
6	Rohit Sharma	751	813
7	Yashasvi Jaiswal	740	740
8	Dimuth Karunaratne	739	783
9	Virat Kohli	737	937
10	Harry Brook	735	773

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	870	904
2	Josh Hazlewood	847	864
2	Jasprit Bumrah	847	881
4	Kagiso Rabada	834	902
5	Pat Cummins	820	914
6	Nathan Lyon	801	801
7	Ravindra Jadeja	788	899
8	James Anderson	739	903
9	Shaheen Afridi	733	836
10	Kyle Jamieson	729	836

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	824	898
2	Shubman Gill	801	847
3	Virat Kohli	768	909
4	Harry Tector	746	767
4	Rohit Sharma	746	882
6	Daryl Mitchell	728	750
7	David Warner	723	869
8	Pathum Nissanka	711	728
9	Dawid Malan	707	730
10	Rassie van der Dussen	701	796

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Keshav Maharaj	716	741
2	Josh Hazlewood	688	727
3	Adam Zampa	686	695
4	Mohammed Siraj	678	736
5	Jasprit Bumrah	665	838
6	Mohammad Nabi	656	657
7	Shaheen Afridi	650	688
8	Kuldeep Yadav	645	760
9	Trent Boult	643	775
10	Bernard Scholtz	642	642

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Travis Head	844	844
2	Suryakumar Yadav	821	910
3	Philip Salt	797	833
4	Babar Azam	755	896
5	Mohammad Rizwan	746	875
6	Jos Buttler	716	720
7	Ruturaj Gaikwad	662	700
8	Brandon King	656	704
9	Johnson Charles	655	669
10	Yashasvi Jaiswal	646	739

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Adil Rashid	718	746
2	Anrich Nortje	675	695
3	Wanindu Hasaranga	674	797
4	Rashid Khan	668	816
5	Josh Hazlewood	662	806
6	Akeal Hosein	659	683
7	Adam Zampa	654	743
8	Fazalhaq Farooqi	645	692
9	Axar Patel	644	667
9	Maheesh Theekshana	644	684

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How do you make India's fastest faster? Tear down invisible barriers

The country's young sprinters are beginning to break records and shift perceptions. One of the facilitators of this change is Reliance Foundation athletics director James Hillier, who has helped create a structured environment that guides athletes to figure things out and take ownership of their progress

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James Hillier with Jyothi Yarraji and Amlan Borgohain

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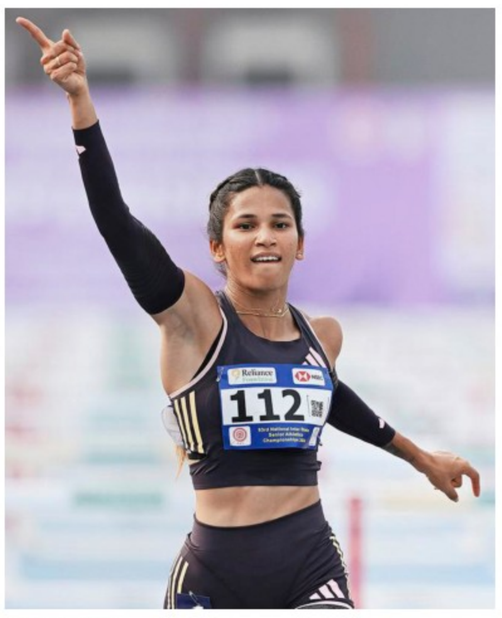

Jyothi Yarraji

Uthra Ganesan

Usain Bolt. Carl Lewis. Asafa Powell. Maurice Greene. Jim Hines. Over the years, the world's fastest men, officially, have come from either Jamaica or the USA, with a smattering of outsiders occasionally trying to break into the club.

For the past five years, a Welshman has been trying to convince people that an Indian could, someday, join that league. While India has had success in the middle-distance and the 400m has been the shortest route to recognition, James Hillier is on a mission to prove they can go fast over a shorter distance, too.

Integrated approach

"We have always had good sprinters here but it's been in pockets – so a sprinter would be really good for a couple of years, then another will come and the first one gets injured. Hopefully, we have shown people how we can be consistent. I believe we have brought a level of professionalism and an integrated approach. So the athlete sits in the middle but it's focused on the coach and the supporting services on the outside," Hillier, the athletics director at Reliance Foundation, tells *The Hindu*.

Shifting with his family to the Odisha High Performance Centre in Bhubaneswar wasn't easy but Hillier has adapted well and admits his kids, five and three years old, are now as Indian as they come. His other set of 'kids' are some of the fastest Indians on the track. Tejas Shirse, Manikanta Hoblidhar, Amlan Borgohain, Jyothi Yarraji, Animesh Kujur – the names making waves today were all either written off or clueless about the future before coming into the Reliance-Hillier fold. Consider this: Jyothi was mentally and physically broken when she started training with Hillier in 2021. Shirse was an uncertain youngster with little focus and a lot of stubbornness. Animesh, who is monitored by Hillier but primarily trains under athletics head coach Martin Owens, only knew he wanted to run fast but had no idea how to go about it. Amlan was simply a talented lad. No one knew Hoblidhar six months ago. Today, they hold the national records in 100m, 100 and 110m hurdles, and 200m, all set in the last 18-24 months.

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>
> **JAMES HILLIER**
> Athletics Director, Reliance Foundation

With the next batch of exciting talent starting to come through and the Athletics Federation of India planning to decentralise training after Paris, things are only expected to get better.

"It is a team project," says Hillier. "If we look at women's hurdles, when I first got here people said 'Oh, it's not possible to break the 13-second mark'. And I asked why? Who came up with that rule? Once Jyothi broke it, she created belief and now there are other girls coming up as well.

"In the men's 100m, Amlan's there, Animesh, Gurindervir Singh is back to fitness which is fantastic for the sport. There's a few other young guys knocking around as well. That can only be good. I want to see a final of eight athletes and not know who's going to win. We have to work on strength in depth. I think that internal competitiveness will help drive things forward."

It's a mutual admiration club. "Today I'm running 13.06 here [at the 2024 Inter-State Championships] because of him [Hillier]," says Jyothi. "Because it's not only the training, it's the mindset. A month ago I was unable to lift my leg because of a grade-2 muscle tear [suffered during competition in Finland]. He never tells me to beat someone or run a specific time or try to be something I am not. He only teaches me how to manage myself."

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> **JYOTHI YARRAJI**
> Asian Games silver medallist (100m hurdles)

A coach who doesn't coach

It's a constant refrain – the coach who doesn't coach. "My coach always likes his athletes to think. We sit together and then he asks me how I will run faster. I then tell him what I want to do and we make plans accordingly," the ever-smiling Amlan says.

"James coach's main role is being a facilitator," says Shirse. "He lets you think, asks you what you want, then moulds you into a pattern where you can thrive yourself. I have seen many athletes even at the top level in India who don't know why they are doing what they are doing, they don't know their own bodies. But James guides us to know ourselves better."

The athletes' comfort around Hillier is visible. "I don't over-coach. It's about putting an athlete in an environment and then let them flourish, figure stuff out themselves. Athletes need to know so they can prepare, they can plan, they can start to take ownership of things because the athlete must be involved in the process.

"Create challenges in training and let them solve it. If you don't have that structure, if you don't periodise your training or progress, there's going to be problems. My athletes know exactly what they're doing every day of the week. I think the biggest thing that I brought is that structure. A by-product of that environment is improved performances," Hillier explains.

Hillier's sprint mission means he has an eye on every noteworthy performance. Case in point is Gurindervir Singh, who won the Inter-State meet and has been consistently impressive this season. Although the Punjab sprinter trains in Jalandhar, Hillier is all praise. "He's phenomenal. Few know this but I knew about Gurindervir even before I came to India. He was probably the only one – besides Neeraj [Chopra].

"I'm a big fan of his and he deserves to win. He's had a tough 3-4 years, he hasn't got a huge amount of support and I was really chuffed he won. I know he beat my guys but it's good for Indian sprinting," Hillier gushes. He has also invited Gurindervir to train at the Reliance HPC post the Olympics as he plans to take the next step towards his sprint-coaching goals – a 100m national relay team with the brightest Indian runners.

A training pack

"Having a group together with everyone pushing each other can be a big help. That's what I want to do, create a strong group. I want training to be more competitive. But you have to get the right people in and I believe Guri is a good fit," Hillier says.

Shirse agrees. "There are days when you don't want to get up and train but when there is someone to prod you, you are motivated to go out. We trained in Tenerife earlier this year, where there were several elite athletes including Finn Elmo Lakka. I trained with him for three sessions, absorbed everything and then beat him, in Finland."

Hillier acknowledges Indian runners are still a long way from the very best but insists it's not a weakness. "See, if we try to take on the Jamaicans right now, we're just going to get killed and that'll be demoralising. So let's dominate Asia first, and that's getting harder. Let's get that one ticked off, then let's create a culture of success.

"We don't want to create invisible barriers of 'we can't do this' and 'they're better than us'. They're not, they're just 20 years ahead and it's an advantage because we can learn from them. If the conditions are right, I wouldn't be surprised if [an Indian] runs 10.1 this year."

GAME THEORY

Yaroslava Mahuchikh

Stefka Kostadinova

The highest women's jumps of all time

Ukraine's Yaroslava Mahuchikh set a new world record in the women's high jump on Sunday, clearing 2.10 metres at the Paris Diamond League. She broke a 37-year-old mark, bettering Bulgarian Stefka Kostadinova's record from 1987 by one centimetre. Kostadinova, however, continues to dominate the list of the highest jumps ever.

Mark (m)	Competitor	Nationality	Venue	Date
2.10	Yaroslava Mahuchikh	UKR	Paris	07 Jul 2024
2.09	Stefka Kostadinova	BUL	Roma	30 Aug 1987
2.08	Stefka Kostadinova	BUL	Sofia	31 May 1986
2.08	Kajsa Bergqvist	SWE	Arnstadt	04 Feb 2006
2.08	Blanka Vlasic	CRO	Zagreb	31 Aug 2009
2.07	Lyudmila Andonova	BUL	Berlin	20 Jul 1984
2.07	Stefka Kostadinova	BUL	Sofia	25 May 1986
2.07	Stefka Kostadinova	BUL	Cagliari	16 Sep 1987
2.07	Stefka Kostadinova	BUL	Sofia	03 Sep 1988
2.07	Heike Henkel	GER	Karlsruhe (i)	08 Feb 1992
2.07	Blanka Vlasic	CRO	Stockholm	07 Aug 2007
2.07	Anna Chicherova	RUS	Cheboksary	22 Jul 2011
2.06	Stefka Kostadinova	BUL	Moskva	18 Aug 1985
2.06	Stefka Kostadinova	BUL	Furth	15 Jun 1986
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2.06	Stefka Kostadinova	BUL	Rieti	08 Sep 1987
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2.06	Kajsa Bergqvist	SWE	Eberstadt	26 Jul 2003
2.06	Hestrie Cloete	RSA	Paris-St-Denis	31 Aug 2003
2.06	Yelena Slesarenko	RUS	Athina	28 Aug 2004
2.06	Blanka Vlasic	CRO	Thessaloniki	30 Jul 2007
2.06	Blanka Vlasic	CRO	Istanbul	22 Jun 2008
2.06	Blanka Vlasic	CRO	Madrid	05 Jul 2008
2.06	Ariane Friedrich	GER	Olympiastadion	14 Jun 2009
2.06	Blanka Vlasic	CRO	Arnstadt (i)	06 Feb 2010
2.06	Anna Chicherova	RUS	Arnstadt (i)	04 Feb 2012
2.06	Mariya Lasitskene	ANA	Lausanne	06 Jul 2017
2.06	Mariya Lasitskene	ANA	Ostrava	20 Jun 2019
2.06	Yaroslava Mahuchikh	UKR	Banska Bystrica (i)	02 Feb 2021

SOURCE: WORLD ATHLETICS

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Balcony exit

In this handout image, Nikita Fedotov dives from the 26-metre balcony during the third stop of the Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series at Polignano a Mare, Italy.

The World Series, which began in 2009, features elite cliff divers — 12 men and 12 women — competing at eight of the world's most picturesque locations. Their dives are scored by a panel of judges, based on acrobatic skill and artistry.

At the end of every season, a champion is crowned in the men's and women's categories.

Cliff diving — the world's oldest extreme sport — dates back to the 1700s. King Kahekili — after whom the champion's trophies in the World Series are named — was a Hawaiian chief who is thought to have first leapt from the cliffs of Kaunolo.

Divers enter the water feet-first at estimated speeds of up to 85kmph and experience an impact deceleration of 10Gs (a force equivalent to 10 times the force of gravity).

Given the sport's inherent dangers, divers undergo very specific and intense training, perfecting their skills at much lower heights before working their way up.

Industry bodies seek pause on passage of gig workers' Bill

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As the government readies to table the Karnataka Platform-Based Gig Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Bill in the upcoming monsoon session of the legislature, industry bodies have raised concerns and sought more time before passing the Bill.

Nasscom, which represents tech companies in India, has written to the Chief Minister saying that the Bill proposes a parallel structure of social security law for platform gig workers, duplicating the Code on Social Security - 2020 (CoSS) passed by the Union government.

Once the CoSS is notified and the State Bill goes through, it raises the possibility of dual levy on aggregators, the industry body said in its letter.

Dual levy concerns

The CoSS has provisions that mandate aggregator companies to contribute between 1-2% of their annual turnover to the Central government's social security fund for gig workers.

The draft Bill by the Karnataka government too proposes charging a welfare fee, either on every transaction or on the overall turnover of the aggregators.

In its submission to the State government, Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) has noted that once the CoSS and the draft Bill come into force, it would result in a dual levy that would place excessive financial burden on aggregator companies, many of which are already operating on loss.

'No clarity'

Another concern raised by the industry bodies is the lack of clear guidelines on the usage of the welfare fee.

"The Bill does not contain safeguards to ensure the funds collected from platforms are spent in a time-bound manner and only for sponsoring social security schemes designed for gig platform workers in the State of Karnataka," said the Nasscom letter which pointed out that this is a serious gap not only from the industry perspective but also from the gig workers' perspective.

It also alleges that the draft Bill does not provide certainty on how the fee would be collected.

The industry bodies also termed aggregator obligations such as minimum notice period for termination, data disclosures, and laying down terms of template contracts with platform gig workers proposed in the draft Bill as "onerous", "prescriptive" and "unnecessary intervention".

"Direct government intervention in these contractual arrangements is both unnecessary and potentially harmful," said the IAMAI letter.

The organisations have sought an extended consultation period instead of the 10 days provided currently.

Elephant tramples guard to death at BNP

Minister for Forests, Ecology and Environment Ishwar B. Khandre paying his last respects to forest guard Madanna in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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A wild elephant trampled a forest guard to death at Bannerghatta National Park in Bengaluru, on Friday. Forest Guard Madanna was patrolling the Dodda Bande forest at Kalkere when he was attacked by a wild elephant around 12.30 a.m., which resulted in his death. Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre, who offered floral tribute to the mortal remains of the forest guard, said that Madanna was skilled in detecting the presence of elephants in the wild. He had served the Forest Department for more than 15 years.

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Current dengue surge is not the worst

Last year, the State recorded 19,300 cases, the highest in 10 years. The most number of deaths was reported in 2019 with 17 patients succumbing to it

Afshan Yasmeen
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While there is much alarm over the rise in dengue cases in Karnataka, a look at data from the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) under the Directorate General of Health Services of the Union Government shows that this is not the worst surge Karnataka has seen.

In 2023, Karnataka had recorded 19,300 dengue cases, the highest in the last 10 years. The highest number of deaths were reported in 2019 with 17 patients succumbing to the vector-borne disease, followed by 11 in 2023.

Other than that, the number of dengue deaths has remained below 10 since 2014. This year so far, 8,221 cases and seven deaths have been reported. Mohammed Sharief, State Programme Officer, NVBDCP, said Karnataka has been following a pattern of spiking every alternate year.

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As many as 8,221 cases and seven deaths have been reported in Karnataka so far this year. FILE PHOTO

"The transmission of dengue is governed by various ecological factors. Unplanned developmental activities, improper water storage, migration and improper solid waste management also play a crucial role. Dengue-causing *aedes aegypti* mosquitoes breed in fresh water and bite during the day," he said.

"While there is a demand that Karnataka should declare this year's dengue outbreak as a medical emergency, there is no reason for alarm as dengue outbreaks are common during this part of the year. The surge usually lasts for over two months. The number of cases should start decreasing by mid-August," Dr. Sharief said.

At its meeting on July 7, the State's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – which was also entrusted with the task of advising on communicable and other infectious diseases, including dengue – discussed if the present dengue surge is a medical emergency.

Dengue cases, deaths in Karnataka

Year	cases	deaths
2014	3,358	2
2015	5,077	6
2016	6,083	8
2017	17,844	10
2018	4,848	4
2019	18,183	17
2020	3,823	5
2021	7,393	7
2022	9,889	9
2023	19,300	11
2024	8,221	7

(from Jan. to July 11)

A TAC member said, "We concluded that the rise in the number of dengue cases is under control, and there are not many admissions in hospitals. Besides, the infrastructure, the testing kits and the availability of drugs are adequate. Hence, there is no need to declare a medical emergency."

No need to panic

Experts that *The Hindu* spoke to concurred.

"We have seen previous outbreaks in Karnataka when hospitals were flooded with dengue patients, and beds had become scarce. The situation is not that bad now," said Susanta Kumar Ghosh, former scientist and head of field station of ICMR-National Institute of Malaria Research in Bengaluru.

Asserting that dengue surveillance should be similar to COVID-19, Dr. Ghosh said, "Epidemiologically, both the diseases present over 80% asymptomatic cases. Similar to contact tracing in COVID, there should be combing operations for source reduction of mosquito breeding around the houses of those who test positive for dengue."Epidemiologist Giridhar R. Babu, who was part of the TAC during the pandemic, said there is no need to declare a public health emergency.

"The emergency is to declare a war against misinformation and to stop medicalising a social problem," he said in a post on social media.

Improve reporting

"The growing magnitude of dengue outbreaks could also be attributed to cyclical trends, improved diagnostics and improved surveillance, which partially explains the discord between rising trends in cases and hospitalisation. The tendency is to blame States that report accurately, such as Karnataka and Kerala, which have better surveillance systems," he said.

"The real worry is about States that do not report accurately, and, therefore, the vulnerable people are at greater risk there. This is the time to tackle dengue with evidence-based management and avoid misinformation," he added.

BMRCL pays tribute to Aparna, plays message on trains

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A day after the demise of renowned anchor and actor Aparna Vastarey, who was battling lung cancer, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited paid tribute to her on Friday (July 12) by playing a special message multiple times in all the metro trains.

Aparna Vastarey.

For citizens travelling by Namma Metro, Aparna was a constant companion during their ride as she was the voice behind the Kannada and English announcements.

Honouring their collaboration, the BMRCL posted on X, "She has the honour of conducting so many Namma Metro programs. Her command over kannada language and pronunciation were both mesmerizing. Her voice in Namma metro trains is forever alive. Namma Metro misses her in all our future endeavours. May her Soul Rest in Peace." (sic)

Aparna's cremation was held at the Banashankari crematorium with police honours. Before that, her mortal remains were kept at her house in Banashankari. Actors Srinath, Srujan Lokesh and others from the film industry paid their tribute.

Aparna's husband and writer Nagaraj Vastarey also wrote an emotional poem about his departed wife and shared it on Facebook.

UK's ICE team praises lake revitalisation effort

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The revitalisation effort to save Jakkur lake has received commendation from the United Kingdom's Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE).

Anusha Shah, president of ICE UK, visited Jakkur lake on Friday along with the Atkins team. During the visit, Atkins, a leading international design consultancy, observed the lake's revitalisation process and expressed appreciation for the sustainable technologies employed by the municipality's lake division.

Lakes play a crucial role in the city, and the team gathered comprehensive information on the complete development of Jakkur lake, including the improvement of the surrounding areas.

Corporations, environmentalists, lake conservation experts, international design consultants, and climate control departments from various parts of the country will be visiting Jakkur lake to study its revitalisation and rejuvenation.

Draft Bill likely to be tabled in monsoon session of legislature

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

The Congress-led government in Karnataka is working towards tabling the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill, 2024, which aims to revamp the administration of the city with a multiple corporation set-up, in the upcoming monsoon session of the legislature, due to begin on July 15.

However, the going may not be easy given the opposition to splitting Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) from the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Janata Dal (Secular), who see the existing set-up as their legacy.

During the earlier tenure of the Congress, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah championed the Karnataka Municipal Corporations (Amendment) Bill, 2015, that trifurcated the civic body along with a host of other reforms. The Bill was passed in the Assembly, but defeated in the Council. The then Governor Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala sent the Bill for presidential assent, but the bill eventually met with a quiet death.

Decentralisation

The BJP came to power in 2019 and brought in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Act, 2020, which provided for bureaucratic decentralisation under a single corporation, which the Congress described as a missed opportunity to fix Bengaluru's woes.

As of now, civic polls in Bengaluru were due nearly four years ago. Multiple petitions seeking immediate civic elections are pending before the High Court of Karnataka and the Supreme Court.

A view of Old Madras Road from K.R. Puram. K. MURALI KUMAR

GREATER BENGALURU GOVERNANCE BILL, 2024

A senior minister in Bengaluru told *The Hindu* that the Congress has always maintained that the city is unmanageable in the existing single corporation set-up, and the civic administration needs to be split.

"We tried to do it before, and now we will try again. We strongly believe only political decentralisation can fix the governance deficit in the city, and dividing BBMP is not (the same as) dividing the city," he said.

However, the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly and senior BJP leader from the city, R. Ashok, told *The Hindu* that the party would oppose any division of the city tooth and nail as it has done before.

"We will not allow Kempe Gowda's Bengaluru to be divided. Such division failed in Delhi, and they re-merged. Such splitting will create income disparities and will be against the interest of Kannadigas in the city," he claimed.

BJP and JD(S), which have the support of one independent member, have a majority in the Legislative Council, where they can defeat the Bill, like in 2015. Even if the government gets the Bill passed again in the Assembly, where it enjoys a comfortable majority, it needs to be seen whether the governor gives his assent.

A senior Minister said, "The problem is that both BJP and JD(S) see the existing system as their legacy. The erstwhile Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike was expanded to the BBMP during the JD(S)-BJP regime in 2007-08 when H. D. Kumaraswamy was the Chief Minister. When the BJP was in power (2018-23), they brought in the BBMP Act, 2020, which acknowledges the problem and tries to fix it with bureaucratic decentralisation. The Congress has consistently recommended political decentralisation. It is an ideological viewpoint."

Meanwhile, BJP leader and former city councillor N. R. Ramesh has decided to file a writ petition in the High Court of Karnataka seeking directions to the State Government to conduct elections immediately. "The restructuring proposal is just a ploy to postpone polls further," he contended.

(The series concludes)

Illegal hoardings: HC *suo motu* initiates contempt proceedings against heads of BBMP and police

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BENGALURU

Observing that the authorities have not cared to implement the court's orders to prevent unauthorised hoardings, the High Court of Karnataka on Friday (July 12) *suo motu* initiated proceeding against Chief Commissioner of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and the City Police Commissioner and asked them to explain why action should not be initiated against them for wilfully disobeying court's orders.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice N.V. Anjaria and Justice K.V. Aravind passed the order while *suo motu,* taking cognisance of a report published in a newspaper on the continuing menace of illegal hoardings and injury caused to a senior citizen as a flex had fallen on him when he was travelling on his two-wheeler last week.

The structure used to put up a hoarding being removed after it collapsed, in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

'Brazen violation'

Pointing out that the news report, which states that the authorities removed more than six lakh illegal hoardings, depicts "a sorry state of affairs despite the court passing several orders to prevent the erection of hoardings illegally", the Bench said the unabated installation of illegal hoardings amounts to "brazen violation" of the orders passed by the court.

From the fact that lakhs of illegal hoardings were to be removed by the authorities, it is apparent that scant disregard has been shown for implementing the orders of the court, the Bench said, while observing that "it cannot be said that the authorities were unaware of the orders passed by the court since 2017 in the pending PIL petitions on the issue of illegal hoardings."

Notices to be served

Terming the conduct on the part of BBMP's Chief Commissioner and the City Police Commissioner as "a contumacious act", the Bench ordered the issue of notice asking them to state why action should not be initiated against them under the Contempt of Courts Act.

While adjourning further hearing till July 26, the Bench also ordered the issue of notice to the State government.

Convicted gangster makes extortion call from inside Hindalga jail in Belagavi

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

Convicted gangster Bannanje Raja, aka Rajesh Kumar, allegedly made a threat call from inside Hindalga jail in Belagavi to extort money. The Prison Department is now probing the matter.

Bannanje Raja was extradited to India from Morocco in 2015 for his alleged involvement in the murder of businessman R.N. Nayak in Ankola in Uttara Kannada district in 2013. Raja and other accused were sentenced to life imprisonment by a sessions court in Belagavi in 2022. He is serving his term in Hindalga jail.

According to sources in the Prison Department, after being alerted about the call, the Superintendent Police and the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Hindalga jail searched his barrack for the mobile phone. Police wore body cameras during the search. Though the police could not find a mobile phone, prison officials are investigating how a phone was smuggled inside the cell and who assisted to bring-

Bannanje Raja

ing the device inside.

On the other hand, upon hearing about the incident, the Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) of Kalaburagi, who is in charge of Hindalga, rushed to the prison to take stock of the situation.

This is the first time that an allegation of an extortion call from Hindalga has been made in the five years that Raja has been lodged in the prison.

Sources said, at present, the Central prisons in Belagavi and Bengaluru do not have a full-time Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP), which compromises security in the prison. The source added that Raja has now come under surveillance for issuing a threat using a smuggled mobile phone.

'Forward-looking policies fostered economic growth'

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BENGALURU

Forward-looking policies have helped Karnataka clock a GSDP growth rate of 14.2% in fiscal 2024 even as the State, being the fourth largest industrial player, contributes around 8.2% to the country's GDP, said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah here on Friday (July 12).

Interacting with an audience of 200 CEOs in Bengaluru over a breakfast meeting, the Chief Minister said the State government recognised the pivotal role that the technology industry has been playing in the socio-economic development of the State.

"We are committed to fostering an environment that nurtures innovation, encourages investment and supports sustainable growth," the Chief Minister said.

Tech summit

Giving a peek into the State's annual tech exposition, Bengaluru Tech Summit, he said this 26-year-old event provided an impactful platform to bring together the best minds in technology and innovation.

The State government was committed to investing in deep and emerging technologies to ensure that Bengaluru and Karnataka continued to remain at the cutting edge, said Mr. Siddaramaiah.

"Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Internet of Things, Blockchain and Quantum Computing are the building blocks of the next phase of our digital evolution,' he said, thanking all industry stakeholders

Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar said the government was committed to developing Bengaluru to prevent industries from leaving the city.

Also addressing tech CEOs he said, "The world is looking at Bengaluru. Our government is fully committed to Bengaluru's growth, we have to stop industries and employees from leaving Bengaluru to other States."

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Police hold meet with bank officials to heighten safety and security measures

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BENGALURU

Following the theft in an ATM in Bellandur on Sunday, the Whitefield division police recently convened a meeting with bank authorities to heighten safety and security measures.

An audit conducted by the beat police in the division revealed that a majority of the banks and ATMs, out of around 100, have low quality CCTV cameras with no proper security measures. Many of them do not have security guards, which was mandated by former Police Commissioner Raghavendra H. Auradkar, who had issued a set of instructions to the banks operating in the city to install alarm systems as well as CCTV cameras in all ATMs and employ security guards round the clock. The order was issued on January 2014 following the brutal assault on bank manager Jyothi Uday in the Corporation Bank ATM kiosk on November 2013.

Despite repeated reminders, banks have failed to take up security measures, which have resulted in repeated crimes related to banks and ATMs, said a senior police officer who was part of the awareness meeting. Bank officials have been instructed to install high definition CCTV cameras and burglar alarms and hire security guards at ATMs.

"Many a times, the security cameras do not even cover 100 m radius, which is a hinderance to the investigation," another police officer added. "Even though it was made mandatory for ATMs to deploy security guards, many banks have opted for e-surveillance offered by private companies. Though these companies claim to monitor ATMs round the clock and alert immediately in case of any eventuality, they fail to alert the banks on time. The Bellandur ATM theft is a classic example as the accused used spray paint to blacken the CCTVs before cutting open the machine and escaping with cash worth over ₹16 lakh. The ATM was under e-surveillance, but the bank got the alert after four hours of the incident," a police officer said.

Bank officials have also been instructed to train security guards to identity genuine customers and suspicious elements who are part of the attention diversion gang. The gang members, according to the police, target victims from the banks and rob them after following them. "Alertness on part of the security guards can be a deterrence to prevent possible crimes," said Reena Suvarna, ACP, Whitefield division. The patrolling police have been instructed to keep an eye on the security measures taken up by the banks.

Woman walking home from bank robbed of ₹2 lakh

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A woman who had only some minutes earlier withdrawn money from a bank and was walking to her home was waylaid and robbed of ₹2 lakh by a gang in Amruthahalli on Thursday afternoon.

After coming out of Canara Bank, Shruti, a resident of Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Amruthahalli, was stopped by two bike-borne youths. They snatched her bag, which had the cash, cut it open with a knife, took the money, threw the bag, and fled from the scene.

Under watch

Police suspect that the robbers were keeping a watch on the woman before attacking her.

Officials are analysing footage from CCTV cameras in and around the bank to get leads on the case.

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MUDA scam: BJP holds protest, Congress stages counter-protest

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Tension prevailed on the streets around Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) premises on Friday, with the BJP holding a demonstration against the alleged scam in the allotment of sites by MUDA, while a large gathering of Congress supporters held a counter-protest.

While BJP supporters led by T.S. Srivatsa, Krishnaraja MLA, Mysuru City BJP president L. Nagendra, and Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Mysuru MP, gathered near Maharaja's College grounds raising slogans against Congress and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the Congress supporters held a counter-protest near the MUDA office on Jhansi Lakshmi Bai Road.

The BJP, demanding a CBI probe, had proposed to lead a march to the MUDA premises. But, the police thwarted their plans and took workers into custody. After police arrested the party's State president, B.Y. Vijayendra, and other workers on the outskirts of Bengaluru, the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, R. Ashok and former Deputy Chief Minister Ashwath Narayan travelled in a vegetable van to reach Mysuru.

There was high drama at the Congress protest as well when the police barred the march of the supporters towards Maharaja's College grounds to "seek proof" of the allegations. Claiming that the Chief Minister's wife, Ms. Parvathi, was entitled to the MUDA sites as her land had been encroached upon to build a layout, Congress leaders alleged that scams in the MUDA had taken place during the BJP's tenure in the State.

The Congress leaders tried to push the barricades erected near MUDA to prevent their march towards the BJP's protest venue, but police personnel stood their ground. Angry altercations took place between Congress leaders and senior police officials at the protest venue.

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Mother-neonatal ICU to be launched at St. John's

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St. John's Medical College Hospital, Bengaluru, is set to introduce a state-of-the-art Mother-Neonatal Intensive Care Unit a "zero separation from birth" approach. This innovative unit has been designed to implement Kangaroo Mother Care immediately after birth, a practice recommended by WHO.

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State to appeal against CWRC order; to convene all-party meet

The committee has directed Karnataka to release 1 tmcft of Cauvery water daily to Tamil Nadu till July 31

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The Karnataka government has decided to go on an appeal before the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) against the order of the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) that has asked the State to release 1 tmcft of water a day to Tamil Nadu till the end of this month. The government will also convene an all-party meeting on Sunday to decide its course of action.

A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of Ministers and officers concerned convened by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on Friday. "We have decided to convene an all-party meeting to take stock of the situation and decide the future course of action," the Chief Minister told media persons after the meeting.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, along with Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and other Ministers, at a meeting with senior officials to discuss the order of the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee, in Bengaluru on Friday.

Shortfall of 28%

Despite the forecast of a normal monsoon this time, there is a shortfall of 28% in inflows to all the four reservoirs in the Cauvery basin, he pointed out. Though the State had brought this to the notice of the CWRC and requested it not to make any decision on water release till July-end, the committee on Thursday asked Karnataka to release 1 tmcft of water daily to Tamil Nadu from July 12 to 31, he said. The Ministers and officials who participated in the meeting opined that the State should file an appeal against the CWRC's order before the CWMA, he noted.

The Chief Minister said the all-party meeting would be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, the eve of the commencement of the monsoon session of the State legislature. He said there was unanimity on water-related issues in Karnataka cutting across political affiliations. He said the Union Ministers from Karnataka, Members of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, and legislators from the Cauvery basin areas will also be invited for the all-party meeting.

Explaining the present storage position, the Chief Minister said only about 60 tmcft of water was available in all four reservoirs of the Cauvery basin in Karnataka. There was a need to supply water for agricultural purposes too from this storage. In the wake of the deficient situation, the State had appealed to the CWRC to wait till the end of this month before making any decision on water release, he said.

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also holds the Major and Medium Irrigation portfolio, told media persons after the meeting that the cumulative storage of all four reservoirs in the Cauvery basin was only 62% as of now. The shortfall is 28% (compared with the average storage) or 19 tmcft in absolute terms. Water storage in the Harangi reservoir stood at 73%, Hemavati reservoir at 55%, Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) at 54%, and Kabini at 96%.

Asked if water was being released from the Kabini to Tamil Nadu, he said, "The Kabini reservoir is 96% full and water is being released from the dam in accordance with the safety norms." On whether water will be released for irrigation purposes for farmers in Mandya district's command area, he said a decision would be taken after the proposed all-party meeting.

DDUTTL scam: Veeraiah, former BJP MLC, arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) D.S. Veeraiah was arrested by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on Friday in connection with an alleged scam in D. Devaraj Urs Truck Terminal Ltd. (DDUTTL), a State government undertaking. Mr. Veeraiah was its chairman when the BJP was in power in the State.

Mr. Veeraiah, 78, had applied for anticipatory bail in the case. However, his plea was rejected by the Special Court of Sessions for Criminal Cases against former and present MPs and MLAs, on Friday morning. Hours later, CID officials arrested Mr. Veeraiah in the city. Mr. Veeraiah was a member of the Legislative Council from 2006 to 2018 and is a member of the BJP.

The scam came to light when the incumbent managing director of the DDUTTL complained to the Wilson Garden police here in September 2023 alleging misappropriation of funds during 2021-2023, when Mr. Veeraiah was the chairman. The case was later handed over to the CID. The complaint alleged that the terminal contracted piece works and made payments without the works being carried out.

D.S. Veeraiah

It is alleged that D. Devaraj Urs Truck Terminal Ltd. contracted piece works and made payments without the works being carried out

Loss of ₹47.1 crore

CID probe showed that the terminal had suffered a loss of ₹47.1 crore owing to this. In October 2021, a meeting was held to discuss the proposed renovation of the terminal and it was decided to give contracts on a piece-work basis.

However, fake documents were created and money sanctioned even when the work was not done. The accused took care to break up the work to not more than ₹5 lakh per contract to circumvent the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 1999. The CID seized 782 files related to illegal work orders during its recent raid on the terminal. The CID arrested the then MD of the terminal S. Shankarappa in May 2024. He allegedly authorised these works and bill payments.

Sources in the CID said they uncovered a money trail to show that the money paid by the terminal for work not carried out, through fake bills, came back to the accused in their bank accounts through a circuitous route.

ED intimated

Following the CID uncovering the money trail, through which the terminal money was laundered and credited into bank accounts linked to the accused, the investigative agency, has written to the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) intimating it of money laundering involved in the case.

Three key aspirants in BJP for post of Leader of the Opposition in Council

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the monsoon session of the State legislature is set to commence on July 15, BJP leaders in Karnataka are looking at the party central leadership to fill the post of the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council.

The post became vacant following the resignation of Kota Srinivas Poojary on his election to the Lok Sabha from Dakshina Kannada. Going by the caste permutation and combination, three candidates – Ravikumar, C. Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, and C.T. Ravi – are among the prominent aspirants for the post.

While Mr. Ravikumar belongs to an OBC community, Mr. Narayanaswamy is from an SC community, and Mr. Ravi belongs to the Vokkaliga community. As far as Mr. Ravi is concerned, there is a tricky situation as Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok too belongs to the Vokkaliga community. Party leaders feel that the high command may not agree to give both posts to one community.

C. Chalavadi Narayanaswamy

The post became vacant following the resignation of Kota Srinivas Poojary on his election to LS

The party leaders also do not rule out the possibility of the central leadership picking up a surprise candidate.

JDLP leader

Meanwhile, Janata Dal (Secular), the alliance partner of the BJP in the NDA, is likely to announce the JD(S) Legislature Party (JDLP) leader to lead the party in the Legislative Assembly, over the next two days.

The party is considering four legislators for the post that has been vacated by Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy who resigned from his Channapatna Assembly seat following his election to the Lok Sabha from Mandya. Caste combinations are being worked out to maintain a balance, considering the party State unit is likely to have a new president in the coming months.

They included core committee chairman G.T. Deve Gowda and MLA for Turuvekere M.T. Krishnappa – both Vokkaligas, Deputy Leader of the JD(S) Legislature Party Sharada Purya Naik, representing a Scheduled Tribe, and MLA for Chikkanayakanahalli C.B. Suresh Babu, a Kuruba.

Meanwhile, the party has decided to wait for a couple of months more to identify a leader to take over as party State president from Mr. Kumaraswamy.

DKS: No 'adjustment politics' behind Congress poor show

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day after a few Congress leaders told the fact-finding committee headed by All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary Madhusudan Mistry that "adjustment politics" in some constituencies led to the defeat of party candidates in the Lok Sabha elections, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said Congress workers fought the election hard, and that there was no "adjustment politics".

"Congress workers were united and worked hard for the party's success. The party itself instructed some of the Ministers to field their family members to mobilise votes. There was no adjustment politics whatsoever," he told presspersons who sought his reaction on the issue in Bengaluru on Friday. The fact-finding committee met winners, losers, party workers, and party leaders to analyse the results, and it collected the feedback, he said, adding that it would decide on the course of action.

D.K. Shivakumar

The AICC-appointed three-member fact-finding committee headed by general secretary Mr. Mistry met with Cabinet Ministers, legislators, Members of Parliament, and party leaders to understand the reasons for the tepid performance of the Congress in the elections. While the Congress won nine seats in the Lok Sabha elections, leaders believe that it lost six or eight winnable constituencies owing to various reasons.

Reasons cited

Among the reasons the Ministers and leaders who met the committee on Thursday cited were "adjustment politics", lack of coordination between the government and the party, and legislators and district in-charge Ministers and children of Cabinet Ministers receiving the ticket to contest elections.

"There was a feeling that we would win a good number of seats and hoped the guarantees would work. Besides constituencies represented by the Cabinet Ministers, the Congress did not get leads in several other constituencies. We tried to win the Dharwad constituency. There was no adjustment politics there. Neha Hiremath murder affected our chances as the BJP indulged in politics," KPCC working president Vinay Kulkarni, who met the committee earlier, told presspersons.

Party sources said the defeated candidates in the Lok Sabha elections as well as the 2023 Assembly elections met the committee on Friday, and many of them expressed sentiments similar to those expressed by leaders on Thursday. While the fact-finding committee is expected to file a report to the AICC, the KPCC will also send a report, sources said.

Khandre seeks additional funds for Forest Dept.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister for Forest and Environment Eshwar Khandre on Friday held a meeting with Finance Department officials and sought additional funds to undertake various projects which include afforestation, wildlife habitat management, human-wildlife conflict mitigation, and forest demarcation and protection.

Presiding over the meeting, Mr. Khandre said that many detailed proposals have already been submitted regarding afforestation in non-forest areas and prevention of human-wildlife conflict and that there is a need to provide more funds to the Forest Department.

He said that human-wildlife conflict is increasing in the State and that weeds such as lantana are spreading widely in many forests, including in Nagarhole, Biligiri Ranganatha Swamy Temple, Bandipur, and Cauvery wildlife sanctuaries, which need to be cleared. He added that elephants were venturing out of forest areas and that this issue could be addressed by installing rail barricades and solar fences and by creating moats.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA,
Zilla Panchayath, Vijayanagara,
Office of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Hospet Vijayanagara District.

No.: EE/RWS&SD/HPT/JJM/E-Proc Tender/Tech/2024-25/283
Dated:12-07-2024

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION-02/2024-25 (KTTP ACT 2000)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Hosapete and Sub-Divisions Hospet, Harapanahalli, Hagaribommanahalli, Hoovinahadagali & Kudligi Offices required for Junior Consultant, Data Entry Operator, Geologist, Drivers & Group "D" Posts to be selected from external resource through e-procurement. The information regarding tenders will be made available in (www. kppp.karnataka.gov.in) Website. The period to receive the tender from eligible bidders is from **12-07-2024 to 25-07-2024 at 5.00 PM** and date of opening of Technical bid is on **26-07-2024 at 5-05 PM,** opening of Financial bid is on **31-07-2024 at 11.00 AM,** Executive Engineer RWS&S Division Hospet Vijayanagara District For further more information contact above said Office.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer,**
RWS&S Division, Hospet.

DIPR/VIJAYANAGARA/110/2024-25/DESHPANDE PUBLICITY

HC grants exemption for a day to BSY from personal appearance before trial court

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday granted a day's exemption to former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa from personally appearing before the trial court on July 15 in the proceedings of the criminal case in which a chargesheet has been filed against him for allegedly molesting a 17-year-old girl at his residence.

The court also granted a day's exemption to the other three accused, Arun Y.M., 42, Rudresha Marulasiddaiah, 52, and Mariswamy G., 59, from personal appearance before the trial court on July 15.

B.S. Yediyurappa

The former Chief Minister has been accused of molesting a 17-year-old girl at his residence

Justice Krishna S. Dixit passed the order on the petitions filed by Mr. Yediyurappa and the three others questioning the legality of the chargesheet filed against them by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on June 27 and the legality of cognisance of offences taken against them by the trial court.

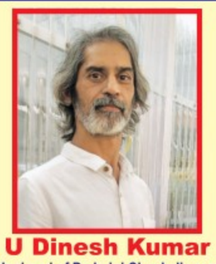
The exemptions were granted as the High Court has decided to hear their challenge to the chargesheet on July 26 after ordering the notice to the CID. The High Court also said that if the trial court was to conduct proceedings on the case prior to July 26, then again it has to grant exemption from their personal appearance.

Mr. Yediyurappa has been charged with the offences under Section 8 (sexual assault) of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and Section 354A (sexual harassment) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

It has been alleged that Mr. Yediyurappa sexually assaulted the victim when she went to his house in Bengaluru on February 2, 2024, along with her mother to seek certain help, and the victim's mother lodged a complaint on March 14.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH



U Dinesh Kumar
(Husband of Padmini Chockalingam)

DOB - 01/04/1966 DOD - 12/07/2024
Passed away on 12-7-2024. Cremation will be at Wilson Garden Electric Crematorium, Bengaluru on 13-7-2024 at 12:30 PM. Body will be taken from #16, 16th B Main, 4th B Block Koramangala, Bangalore 560034 at 11 AM
Inserted by **Family Members**

Office of Deputy Commissioner Chickaballapur District, Chickballapur
(District Urban Development Cell)
E-mail: ka.chikkaballapur.dudc@gmail.com, Ph: 08156-277005

No.DUDC/LWM/CR/49/2023-24 Date:05.07.2024

RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Project Director, District urban development cell, Chikkaballapur invites tenders from the eligible tenderers, for the construction of work detailed in the table below. (1) Name of work: **Processing and Disposal of Legacy waste in SWM Sites located at Puttathimanahalli Village CMC Chikkaballapur, Hithalahalli Village of CMC Sidlaghatta, Kanishettyhalli village of CMC Chintamani, at Iduguru village of CMC Gowribidinur limits Kashapura village of TMC Bagepalli as per Central Pollution Board Guidelines of Chikkaballapur District. (No.DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT4795/Call-2)** Estimate Cost of Work (Rs.in lakhs): **1167.18** Amount put to tender (Rs.in lakhs): **1148.58 (Excluding GST).** E.M.D.(Rs.in lakhs): **15.00** Period of completion: 9.83 Months (Including monsoon). Tender document procedure as per KTPP rules 2000 shall be followed: **(1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and calender of events as below: **(1)** Pre-bid meeting (Venue-DUDC office): **12.07.2024, 11.00 AM (2)** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **05.08.2024, 5.30 PM (3)** Date & time for opening of Technical bid: **07.08.2024, 11.00 AM (4)** Date & time for opening Pre-qualification bid: **09.08.2024, 11.00 AM or Later. (2)** Head of Account: **Swach Bharth Mission 2.0 & Municipal Fund. (3)** Tenders must be electronically submitted in e-Procurement portal. **(4)** Further information, if required can be obtained from the office of the 4 Executive Engineer, DUDC, FA-07, DC office complex, Chikkaballapur during working hours. Any change in calendar of events (if any) will be published in e-Procurement portal only. No. Paper notification will be given.

Sd/- Project Director, District Urban Development Cell, Chickballapur District.
DIPR/Chickballapur/R.O.No.88/KSMCA/2024-25

Former Minister Nagendra held in Valmiki corporation scam case

Funds up to ₹88 crore of the corporation were allegedly embezzled

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested former Minister B. Nagendra, Congress MLA for Ballari Rural, on Friday in connection with the alleged scam in the State-run Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd., where funds up to ₹88 crore were allegedly embezzled.

A videograb of former Minister B. Nagendra being taken into custody by the Enforcement Directorate in Bengaluru on Friday. PTI

'Being framed'

Following raids on multiple premises linked to him that started on Wednesday and lasted for over two days, Mr. Nagendra was brought to the ED office at Shantinagar here on Friday morning, where he was arrested. "I have no knowledge of any irregularities in the corporation. I am innocent and being framed in a political conspiracy," he told presspersons while being taken into the ED office. Meanwhile, the ED concluded raids on the premises linked to another Congress MLA Basanagouda Daddal, chairman of the corporation late on Thursday night, but did not arrest him.

Mr. Daddal appeared for questioning in the case before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the State Police on Friday. Both Mr. Nagendra and Mr. Daddal had appeared before the SIT for questioning on Tuesday and were asked to appear again before it on Wednesday. However, they could not attend as the ED raids against them were in progress. The scam came to light when N. Chandrashekharan, an employee of the corporation, ended his life on May 26, mentioning embezzlement of funds in his death note.

He had said in the note that officials had pressured him and claimed that it was under the Minister's instructions. Mr. Nagendra, who was Minister for Scheduled Tribes Welfare, under which the corporation functioned, resigned on June 6.

Jagan, IPS officers booked for 'custodial torture' of ex-MP

Rajulapudi Srinivas
VIJAYAWADA

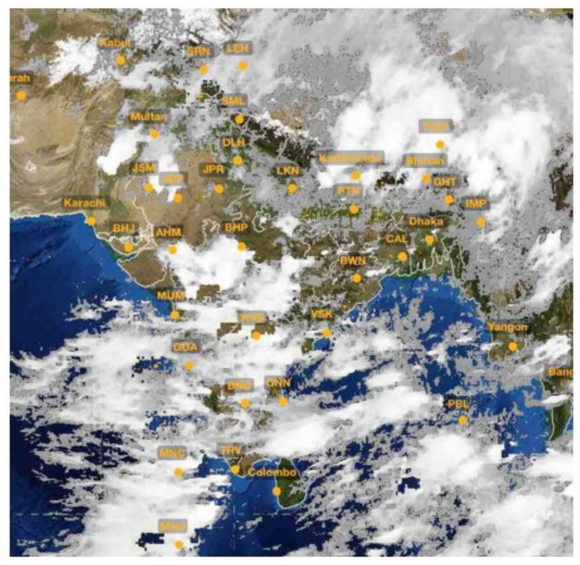
The Guntur Police have registered a case against YSRCP president and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, IPS officers P.V. Sunil Kumar and P. Seetharamanjaneyulu and others on charges of torturing former YSRCP Narsapuram MP K. Raghu Ramakrishna Raju in 2021.

Mr. Raju quit the YSRCP and joined the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) ahead of the 2024 election and won from Undi Assembly seat.

"Mr. Raju lodged a police complaint, alleging that P.V. Sunil Kumar, then Director-General of AP-CID; P. Seetharamanjaneyulu, then Additional D-G (Intelligence); and CID Additional Superintendent of Police R. Vijay Paul tortured him in custody and acting on the complaint, a case has been registered," said a senior police officer. Mr. Raju in his complaint said the AP-CID arrested him in Hyderabad in May 2021 and brought him to its office in Guntur, alleging that he was subjected to third degree torture when he was in custody. "The police officers tortured me. The legal procedure was not followed. Dr. Prabhavathi, the then Superintendent of Government General Hospital (GGH), Guntur, gave false medical certificates," he alleged. "The officers beat me up and did not allow me to take medicines. They took away my mobile phone and tortured me to reveal the password," the former MP alleged. The police registered cases against Mr. Jagan, two senior officers, an ASP, the then GGH Superintendent and others on various charges.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at a few/ isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Jharkhand, Odisha, coastal Andhra Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.3	33.1	26.5	Kozhikode	13	29.2	25.4
Ahmedabad	1.9	35.6	28.2	Kurnool	—	36.0	26.8
Aizawl	—	—	23.6	Lucknow	—	36.0	27.5
Allahabad	5.2	33.6	26.7	Madurai	5	39.3	25.6
Bengaluru	—	31.0	21.4	Mangaluru	6.6	29.3	24.4
Bhopal	—	31.0	24.8	Mumbai	7.7	29.5	23.8
Bhubaneswar	16	33.2	28.4	Mysuru	9	30.0	—
Chandigarh	—	34.2	29.6	New Delhi	—	34.3	29.6
Chennai	—	36.8	28.0	Patna	0.2	33.7	26.2
Coimbatore	—	32.0	24.0	Port Blair	4	—	24.3
Dehradun	7	32.7	25.0	Puducherry	—	36.1	27.2
Gangtok	57	20.7	18.9	Pune	0.5	29.3	24.0
Goa	14	—	25.0	Raipur	—	33.1	26.0
Guwahati	5	32.0	25.6	Ranchi	16	31.0	24.0
Hubballi	—	27.0	23.0	Shillong	66	25.0	17.3
Hyderabad	6	32.2	24.5	Shimla	3	—	17.6
Imphal	—	30.0	23.3	Srinagar	—	34.0	18.4
Jaipur	27.3	38.0	24.6	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.2	25.3
Kochi	1	31.0	25.8	Tiruchi	5	38.3	27.0
Kohima	1	23.0	18.0	Vijayawada	14	35.0	25.6
Kolkata	52	29.8	23.6	Visakhapatnam	—	34.0	27.7

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.13	..58	.36	61	67	.....
Bengaluru	...7	..17	.36	79	87	.....
Chennai	...6	9	.61	...104	84	.....
Delhi	.17	..85	.74	...104	...122	.....
Hyderabad	.18	..27	.28	52	81	.....
Kolkata	...6	..31	.52	55	52	.....
Lucknow	...7	..10	101	46	75	.....
Mumbai	..—	..74	.74	29	29	.....
Pune	..—	..36	.88	29	40	.....
Visakhapatnam	...9	..58	.23	58	...120	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Ajmer, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 199 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

SC posts Karnataka plea on relief funds after four weeks

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday scheduled the hearing of a writ petition filed by Karnataka, seeking a direction to the Centre to release over ₹18,000 crore for drought relief under National Disaster Response Fund after four weeks.

Appearing before a Bench headed by Justice B.R. Gavai, senior advocate Kapil Sibal and advocate D.L. Chidananda, for Karnataka, urged the court to list the case on a non-miscellaneous day for detailed arguments.

Mr. Sibal said some funds have been released, but not enough. He said Centre has made an allotment of ₹3454 crore only after Karnataka moved the apex court.

In an earlier hearing, the court had advised the Centre against entering into a "contest" with water-starved Karnataka over its request for drought relief.

"Let there be no contest here between the Union and the State," Justice Gavai had told Attorney-General R. Venkataramani and Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, both appearing for the Centre, at the time.

'Congress diverted funds for SC/ST welfare in Karnataka'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP has accused Karnataka's Congress government of diverting funds meant for the welfare of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) in order to fulfil promises made during the campaign for last year's State Assembly election.

Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal made these allegations on Friday. Pointing out that such diversion of funds is a violation of the Constitution, he demanded action.

Arjun Ram Meghwal

"People are being deceived in Karnataka," Mr. Meghwal said, claiming that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's double standards have been exposed. "On the one hand, Rahul Gandhi is moving around carrying a copy of the Constitution, while Constitutional values are being violated in the State," he said.

Citing a news report, he claimed that more than ₹14,730 crore out of the ₹39,121 crore meant for SC and ST welfare has been diverted to implement various sops which the Congress had promised as part of its pre-poll 'guarantees'.

BBMP reclaims govt. land worth over ₹5 crore in Pattandur Agrahara village

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has reclaimed approximately 503 square metres of government land worth ₹5.35 crore in Pattandur Agrahara village, located in Mahadevapura zone's Whitefield ward.

This land, situated along ITPL Main Road leading to Brigade Tech Park Road in KR Puram Hobli, had been used by vehicles for transit for a long time. However, one B. Ramachandra Naidu, the owner of Survey No. 134/5, had allegedly encroached upon the road, erecting iron barricades and blocking public and vehicular access for the past two months.

Moreover, Mr. Naidu had rented out part of the land to operate a private hotel, generating income from the encroached area.

In collaboration with the Mahadevapura Road Infrastructure Department, Tahsildar Bengaluru East Taluk office's surveyors, revenue inspectors, and local Whitefield police, authorities have now cleared the encroachment, reclaiming the government land.

The land survey by taluk surveyors confirmed the illegal construction of a compound wall by Mr. Naidu on the government land in Survey No. 134/5. Following the Karnataka Land Revenue Act of 1964, a notice was issued to Mr. Naidu, and the encroachment removal order was implemented. The reclaimed area will now be developed, with wet mix macadam being applied to the road.

Executive Engineer Uday Chougule stated in a press release that a drainage system will also be constructed along the roadside in the coming days.

Worker dies, five hurt as earth caves in at Hutti mines

The Hindu Bureau
YADGIR

A worker was killed on the spot and five were injured after an ore portion with mud and rocks fell on them inside the Hutti Gold Mines in Lingsugur taluk of Raichur district in the early hours of Friday.

Sources said that the deceased has been identified as 50-year-old Mounesh, a native of Hutti village.

All six of them, including the deceased, were on duty when the incident happened.

MLA and chairman of Hutti Gold Mines Company Limited J.T. Patil, who rushed to the spot after receiving information, told *The Hindu* over phone that a compensation cheque for ₹32.98 lakh and an appointment letter offering a job for the son of dead worker were handed over to his family members on the spot.

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Office of The Executive Engineer,
Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department
Division, Belagavi. Ph. : 0831-2463850, Fax : 0831-2423008.

No.EE /MI&GWDDD/BGM/TND/AE/JE/2024-25/2487 Date:10-07-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-3&4)

As per KTTP Act-2000 and recent Amendments, the **Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department, Division Belagavi** has invited the Item rate tender through KPPP **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

Total 10 Nos. of Belgavi/Gokak/Athani Sub Divisions. Estimate Amount Highest Rs.400.00 Lakhs & Lowest Rs.60.00 Lakh. 1. For KW-4 work: Date of Pre-tender meeting:12-08-2024 at 11.00 AM, 2. Tender Receipt Last Date: 13-08-2024 Evening 4.00 PM, 3. Tender Opening Date: 14-08-2024 Evening 4.30 PM (if possible), 4. For Tender Details office address: Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department, Division Belagavi & www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
M.I & GWDD Division, Belagavi

DIPR/Belagavi/370/Manipal/2024-25

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Application Notification No. 210/Halts/ BEML/2024/BENGALURU DIVISION
Dated: 05.07.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed applications for appointment of Halt Agent from educated unemployed persons residing in and around the Doddjala Train Halt station for issuing Unreserved tickets on Commission Basis for a period of five (05) years or till up-gradation of the station whichever is earlier.

Station	Section
BEML Nagar	Bangarpet - Marikuppam

To Start functioning from : Date will be notified by the Administration.
Terms and Conditions and Application Form: The application form and Eligibility/ General Terms and Conditions etc., can be downloaded from website: **www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in**

Last date of submission of Application : **Upto 16:00 Hrs. on 29.07.2024**
For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

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A wobbly walk

India did well to assert its ties with Russia, but the optics were bad

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Moscow visit was billed as his first "stand-alone" visit during this tenure, with officials laying stress on the purely "bilateral" framework. However, while the visit had strong bilateral components, its impact has been felt globally, with unprecedented criticism from Kyiv and Washington on its timing and optics. On the bilateral front, the visit, his first to Russia since 2019, and the first "annual" summit in three years, resulted in a number of outcomes. There was a reaffirmation of India-Russia ties as well as Mr. Modi's obvious personal rapport with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Mr. Modi also received Russia's highest civilian award. He praised Mr. Putin's efforts to strengthen bilateral ties, that had appeared to be flagging, given the war in Ukraine, and growing Russia-China ties. In formal talks, the leaders focused on bettering the economic and trade relationship, which has often been a neglected part of the largely government-to-government engagements, and announced a bilateral trade target of $100 billion by 2030, which should be easily met given India's massive increase in oil imports from Russia specially discounted due to western sanctions. Mr. Modi also won an assurance from Mr. Putin that Indian recruits enlisted in the Russian Army will be allowed to return to India. Unlike in the past, the visit lacked any announcements of military purchases that have been the mainstay of ties, due partially to Russian delays in supplies of deals already announced after the invasion of Ukraine and to also avoid international censure. Mr. Modi's statement that there was "no solution on the battlefield" to the conflict, as well as his decision to travel further to Vienna, were seen as attempts to balance the trip, his first since the conflict began.

In an increasingly polarised world, this was easier said than done, especially as Mr. Modi's visit happened even as Ukraine was hit by a devastating missile attack. There were also NATO, western alliance leaders and Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy converging in Washington for a summit that was aimed, albeit unsuccessfully, at showing Russia's isolation. It is another matter that the stance reeks of hypocrisy, as the NATO countries have failed to show similar concerns over the killing of innocents in Gaza due to Israel's relentless bombardment. The U.S. State Department and Ukraine have been openly critical of Mr. Modi's visit, and New Delhi's task will be to limit the damage in ties with the U.S. and Europe. In the long term, India will have to assert its interests and convince the West that it is futile to force India to choose, or to push a country known for its independent stance, to become a camp follower in this conflict.

Crash course

There must be better monitoring of the road-worthiness of transport vehicles

On July 10, in Uttar Pradesh, a private double-decker bus collided with a milk tanker, killing 18 people. Local reports claimed the bus's insurance had not been renewed and that it lacked an alarm system to alert the driver if the bus drifted from its lane, among other issues. Should the State government's inquiry bear these details out, they will highlight the importance of the multidimensional nature of road safety, which banks on road and highway design, presence of roadside businesses, speed and access control, and visibility, among other factors, to protect lives. The details should also highlight the reluctance of municipal authorities and local bodies to scrutinise public and licensed private infrastructure until lives are lost. According to the National Crime Records Bureau, 1.71 lakh people died and 4.23 lakh were injured in 4.46 lakh road accidents in 2022. A 2023 IIT Delhi report estimated there were 11.3 road-accident deaths per lakh population in 2021, which, after accounting for official data inconsistencies and underreporting, is constitutive of a public health crisis. Speed control is particularly important: it is implicated in most deadly road accidents in the country. Following the bus accident, police also told news agencies the collision had flung passengers out of the bus. Public officials know how to control speed in urban and rural areas – with strategically placed speed-breakers and roundabouts and increased police monitoring, for example. Similarly, it should be clear which portions of the Automotive Industry Standards that the bus's condition at the time of the accident violated.

There are three ways forward. First, local authorities must enforce existing standards and have skilled personnel and proper equipment for this purpose. They must also be allowed to impose harsher penalties on transport service operators who fail to meet safety requirements. Municipal bodies must also be prevented from diluting standards painstakingly specified by engineers in order to, say, facilitate local businesses. Second, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways needs to collect and publish better, ideally complete, data on vehicle registrations, safety certificates, testing centres, criteria, and reports and audits. It also needs to improve the quality of data about injuries and deaths, both of which remain undercounted. Finally, there is a need for greater public awareness of how the health of transport vehicles is ascertained and for access to each vehicle's latest test report. This may be a bridge too far given both the generally complacent attitude towards quality control and unscrupulous operators' ability to escape sanction – but it remains the bridge that will have to be crossed.

The verdict of 2024, its amplified message

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The final turnout in the 2024 general election (66.2%) is a clear indication of the continued interest in, engagement with and participation of the Indian voter in India's democratic processes. This has put to rest the initial and rather hurried speculation about the disenchantment of the Indian voter with Indian elections, going by the initial figures of a lower turnout. The turnout in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections was only 1% lower when compared to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, but this was still the third highest turnout ever in an Indian national election.

An engagement with the electoral process

Voter turnout is the most robust indicator of voter's electoral participation, and the turnout figures for 2024 only indicate a high level of participation among Indian voters, more so among women voters. There were issues with regard to the schedule and the long duration of the election period. But, finally, voters braved the heat, set aside other important engagements and participated in the general election with great enthusiasm.

The enthusiasm shown by Indians for the 2024 election continued even after voting was over. There was keen interest in the exit poll predictions. That there was much debate among Indians on these on the evening of June 1, 2024, is a clear indication of this. The actual results – which were contrary to the exit poll estimates – resulted in continued discussion about the verdict and its fallout. This goes to indicate the intense and continued engagement of Indians with the electoral process. There is not even the smallest hint of any disenchantment with elections and the electoral process, despite anxieties about the reliability of the electronic voting machines (EVM), increasing defections from one party to another, the declining role of ideology in elections and the quality of representatives getting elected to Parliament, election after election. A Lokniti-Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) survey indicates 17% of Indians showing no trust in EVMs, while another 43% indicated some trust in it. Nearly 30% of Indians also mentioned decreased trust in EVMs.

The composition of the 18th Lok Sabha is a reflection of people's views on the various issues related to governance

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) emerged as the single largest party but as it fell short of a majority, it formed the government along with its allies. Clearly, larger numbers of people are in support of the ruling BJP, but there is a plurality of opinion among Indians which the new government must take into considerations. Prime Minister Narendra Modi still remains far more popular when compared to any other leader, his popularity rating being 41% when compared to the Congress's Rahul Gandhi at 27%.

Some of the concerns, key issues

But in the Lokniti-CSDS survey, 28% of Indians mentioned that Mr. Modi's image has dented to a great extent. Another 33% mentioned that his image has dented to some extent due to the BJP's induction of leaders from various political parties which has tainted this image.

Findings of the Lokniti-CSDS survey clearly also indicate an anxiety about the nature of vindictive politics which has risen in the last few years. In the survey, 44% of people mentioned that Opposition leaders have been arrested due to political reasons but only 23% negated this view. In the survey, 67% of Indians also expressed the view that citizens should have the right to ask questions to their elected leaders; 20% did not hold this opinion. It is important to note that 58% of Indians believed that change of government is important for development of the country, while 32% said continuity of the same party in government was better for development. The importance of courts/the judiciary needs to be taken into account, as in the Lokniti-CSDS survey, 58% of Indians mentioned that courts are important in checking the powers of the government. Only 27% believed this may not be necessary. There was a strongly shared view (66%) that people should have the power to oppose the decisions of the government if necessary, while only 19% were against this view.

The verdict of 2024 has also indicated that issues of national pride, national identity, and national security are important. But at the same time, and equally important, are the day-to-day issues of the people such as unemployment and price rise which no political party can afford to ignore for long. The findings of the Lokniti-CSDS survey indicate that unemployment and price rise were the twin issues of disenchantment with the Modi government; a large number of them also did not want this government to be re-elected. The BJP emerged as the single largest party but suffered a major setback in Uttar Pradesh, the State where the Ram Mandir was built and inaugurated with much pomp and show. This development is an indication of the mistake the BJP made in depending too much dependence on the issue of Hindutva at the cost of the bread and butter issues. The defeat of the BJP's candidate in the Faizabad constituency (Ayodhya) goes to strengthen this point further. The verdict of 2024 has indicated that there is a limit to identity politics, whether it is about caste or religion.

More or less an ideal democracy

In a functioning democracy, it is important to have a strong Opposition along with a stable and strong government. The verdict of 2024 resembles the true character of an ideal democracy. The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has a majority in the Lok Sabha with 293 seats, with the BJP being the single largest party with 240 seats. The INDIA bloc/alliance has a strength of 234 MPs in the Lok Sabha with the Congress being the largest Opposition party with 99 seats.

The numbers in the 18th Lok Sabha are a reflection of people's views on various issues related to governance. In theory there could not be a better government than this in a functioning democracy, though we know there lies a difference between theory and practice, glimpses of which were seen in the tussle between the ruling coalition and the Opposition on the issue of election of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha. There are many other issues which are likely to be a bone of contention between the ruling party and the Opposition. This writer only wishes that the views expressed by the people of India are taken seriously and both the ruling party and the Opposition work in tandem for the next five years, trying and resolving issues rather than complicating them.

The views expressed are personal

The PDS impact on household expenditure

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The Public Distribution System (PDS) is an important social security programme in India. Its objective is to ensure food security. Today, up to 75% of the rural population and 50% of the urban population are eligible for subsidised foodgrains under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013. If the cost of consuming foodgrains from the PDS is subsidised, this then frees up resources for a household to spend on other items such as vegetables, milk, pulses, egg, fish, meat and other nutrient and protein-rich food items. It is an empirical question whether households indeed diversify their food consumption. With the release of data from the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES):2022-23, there will be renewed interest in the above line of inquiry, i.e., the impact of consumption of free food items from the PDS on expenditure on items other than foodgrains.

On representativeness

To the extent possible, the HCES:2022-23 canvassed information on food and non-food items received by households free of cost through various social welfare programmes. In the HCES:2022-23 report published by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) and available on the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation website, there is detailed information on pages 15 to 18. The objective of the survey is not to provide precise estimates of the proportion of households receiving benefits under every scheme. In most cases, survey estimates of coverage of a programme will be lower than that suggested by the administrative data. A common conjecture in the literature on the PDS is inclusion error (when an ineligible household consumes from the PDS) and exclusion error (when an eligible household is not consuming foodgrains from the PDS). For this purpose, researchers will compare the proportion of households consuming PDS items with the coverage under the NFSA. While care should be exercised in terms of interpreting the estimates, one advantage of the survey data is that it allows us to examine the characteristics of households that report benefits from the programmes.

The Household Consumption Expenditure Survey Data offers the scope to analyse the impact of social transfers

Unless detailed information is sought on the nature of an ailment or disease in the case of health shocks, and waiver of fees or reimbursement in school or college, imputing the value of free medical services and education services received by the households is not possible. In the case of education and health, the NSSO conducts separate surveys where detailed information is canvassed on out-of-pocket expenditure and free services that are availed by a household. One might ask why one cannot use data on information paid by households to impute the value of medical services. Insurance products are treated as an investment and not consumption. The relevant information is sought as part of the All India Debt & Investment Survey, and not as part of the HCES.

In order to provide guidance to analysts and researchers, the NSSO, for the first time, decided to impute the value figures of selected food and non-food items which were received free. This allows us to compute two metrics. The first is the Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE) of a household, which is the ratio of monthly consumption expenditure to household size. The second metric is the value of household consumption in a month considering the imputed value of free food and non-food items, i.e., 'MPCE with imputation'. Both metrics are published by the NSSO in its report.

Imputation of values

The NSSO has suggested two sets of values for each State and by sector (rural, urban) for imputation of food and non-food items received free of cost – modal unit price and the 25th percentile unit price. Consumption expenditure refers to out-of-pocket expenditure while value of consumption would include free and subsidised items consumed by households. In the report published by the NSSO, imputation has been done using the modal price only for items received free. The operative word is free and not subsidised. Thus, no imputation is done for the purchase of food items from the PDS at nominal regulated prices.

The main item that a large proportion of households received free was foodgrains from the PDS. Not surprisingly, at the all-India level, we find that in rural and urban India, about 94% and 95%, respectively, of the value of imputed items is attributable to food items. When we consider all the households, i.e., even those who did not receive any free items, the imputed value for food is ₹82 and ₹59 in rural and urban areas, respectively.

The report published by the NSSO has the average value of MPCE among those in the bottom 5% of distribution by the MPCE, 5-10, 10-20, 30-40, 40-50, 50-60, 70-80, 80-90, 90-95 and top 5% of distribution. Each interval is called a fractile class. The average MPCE of those in the bottom 5% of MPCE distribution is ₹1,373 in rural and ₹2,001 in urban. This means that the MPCE of 5% of Indians is less than this cut off. When we focus on the imputed value of consumption of those in the bottom end of the rural distribution, we find that 20% of those in this fractile class, or about 1% of India's rural population is actually in the next fractile class, i.e., 5%-10%. In absolute terms this is about 86 lakh individuals in rural India. Similar patterns are observed till the sixth fractile class. In urban areas too, we see upward movement. There are different patterns observed across the major States. Needless to say, depending on their use case, researchers can impute the modal value for calculations for purchases from the PDS at the subsidised rate. This will increase the average MPCE with imputation. In short, there is evidence that even a limited imputation exercise establishes that in-kind social transfers help increase the value of consumption of poorer households.

Implications for poverty

Ever since the release of the report, there have been calls for a larger discussion on where the poverty line should be drawn. Among the issues that need to be considered is whether one needs to estimate the number of poor households based on the expenditure or based on the total value of consumption which includes the value of free items consumed. Needless to say, in-kind social transfers have implications for the well-being of households that are at the bottom end of consumption or income distribution.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Myanmar and democracy

I commend *The Hindu*'s recent coverage of Myanmar and the question of how peace can be achieved. The old approach of Myanmar's neighbours was to indulge the murderous and venal Sit-tat/Tatmadaw for fear of complete anarchy. However understandable that view was, the Sit-tat is now the principal source of chaos. Some in India — *inter alia* in this daily's pages ('Parley' – Opinion page, "Should India review its Myanmar policy in view of the humanitarian crisis?", July 5) — have started to demand a less passive Indian policy. They should, more boldly, embrace the cause of a federal democracy as the only path to peace. Caution but prolongs the agony. Today, the people of Myanmar are bombed, beaten, robbed, and raped. But they have shown that they can only be governed by consent.

J.P. Loo,
Oxford, U.K.

On NEET

In settling for NEET counselling from the third week of July, the government seems to have assumed that there will be a favourable judicial order. It was not long ago that the Chief Justice of India had said that cancelling the examinations already held could affect the lives of 23 lakh students.

Choosing IIT Madras to look into the extent of malpractices was a wise move.

The data from a credible agency like the IIT would certainly help the top court in its decision making. However the National Testing Agency should treat the entire episode as a warning to set its house in order. The conduct of such examinations must not be taken lightly and there should be the required checks at all levels.

Gopalaswamy J.,
Chennai

There is much space being given to 'pro-retest for NEET 2024' letters, without understanding the ground-level reverberations. The voices of students who appeared for the test well prepared and who scored high marks in NEET 2024 need to be heard too.

Dr. P. Suresh,
Namakkal, Tamil Nadu

The examination system

Nothing seems to be going right as far as competitive examinations are concerned.

The trajectory of events in examinations from NEET(UG) to the UPSC-civil services now (Inside pages, "Controversial probationary IAS officer joins duty, July 12) is appalling. These issues should be scrutinised and the facts presented to the public. The question 'why is this happening with the education sector' needs to be answered.

Sreyas M. Purackal,
Kozhikode, Kerala

The NEET scandal has highlighted the need for systemic reform in India's education sector. The centralised exam model has exacerbated the pressure on students. India's diverse educational landscape needs a more flexible and nuanced approach. Decentralising exams and empowering State boards could foster a more equitable system. India's future depends on it.

Lakshminarayanan P.,
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The Shaanxi mosque in Yining, which is is built in the traditional palace style of Chinese architecture. (Right): Abud Rakev Tumunyaz, the Imam at the Xinjiang Islamic Institute at Kuqa, Xinjiang. RADHIKA SANTHANAM

Freedom and control in Xinjiang

The north-western province in China is home to more than 50 'ethnic minorities', most of whom are Uyghur Muslim. For several years, the Chinese Communist Party has been accused of persecuting the community and attempting to erase their culture. **Radhika Santhanam** reports on the overarching emphasis on assimilation and nationalism in Xinjiang, a rapidly developing province which is crucial to the country's Belt and Road Initiative

Nine musicians dressed in bright outfits assemble on stage at the centre of an accordion museum in Yining city in Xinjiang province, China. It is June 17, the day of Eid-Ul-Adha, and everyone is in celebratory mood. Thousands of tourists and locals have gathered on Liuxing street despite the heat to enjoy street food, watch graceful performances, and drink chilled fresh juice and beer.

In the museum crammed with instruments, each musician holds an accordion. Before bursting into song, they introduce themselves, not by name but by ethnicity - Uyghur, Kazhak, Mongolian, Uzbek, and so on. Then, in chorus, they shout cheerfully in English, "We are all part of the Chinese nation."

The proclamation of national unity and the carefully curated diversity on stage, particularly on the occasion of Eid, is significant. Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, located in northwestern China, is home to 56 ethnic groups, including the Uyghur, Kazakh, Mongol, Manchu, Uzbek, Xibe, and Russian, who are all termed "ethnic minorities" by the state. The vast province is home to followers of many religions such as Islam, Taoism, Buddhism, and Christianity.

For years, China has faced accusations from human rights groups of committing crimes against humanity of mostly Muslim ethnic groups in the region. According to several reports, including by the United Nations Human Rights Office, and Human Rights Watch, the Chinese were detaining Uyghurs, who form the majority of the ethnic minorities, in "detention centres" and subjecting them to abuse.

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has rubbished these claims. It has repeatedly argued that these are not "detention centres" but "education and vocational training centres". A booklet issued by the State Council Information Office says these centres were established with the "goal of educating and rehabilitating people guilty of minor crimes or law-breaking, and eradicating the influence of terrorism and extremism." In 2019, however, the Chairman of the Xinjiang regional government announced that these centres would be gradually wound down "if society no longer needed them."

Various studies have also claimed that the population of the Han Chinese, the country's dominant ethnic group, has grown in the region, while the Uyghur population has declined ever since the People's Republic of China took over the province in 1949.

However, official data show that the Uyghur population, which was 3.6 million in the first national population census of 1953, grew to 11.6 million (222%) in the seventh census of 2020. The increase has been attributed in part to the fact that Uyghurs and other minorities, along with the rural population, were exempt from China's decades-old one-child policy.

The 'Sinicisation' of religion

At the Shaanxi mosque, an important heritage site in Yining, the Imam, Ma Jirong, says all these accusations are "greatly exaggerated". He points towards the mosque, where 1,300 Muslims had assembled to pray that morning. "Since you are here, you can see for yourself," he says. "Foreign countries have a hatred towards China. It is like a tumour in their body."

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> **ABUD RAKEV TUMUNYAZ**
> Imam, Xinjiang Islamic Institute at Kuqa

The centuries-old mosque behind him, painted in red and dark blue, is built in the "traditional palace style of Chinese architecture," according to the guide. The structure is made of wood and brick and showcases the characteristically Chinese upturned eaves. The dome and minarets, commonly found in several mosques around the world, are missing. The call to prayer can be heard only within the premises. The ceiling is painted with flowers and plants, and journalists from West Asia wonder loudly about the absence of Arabic script on the inside walls.

Ma shrugs off these observations. "It is a Chinese mosque," he says. "Mongolian, Uyghur, and many other ethnic communities participated in its construction. It shows that Xinjiang is an inseparable part of Chinese territory."

This adaptation of religion to Chinese characteristics, and specifically to Chinese socialism, is what Abud Rakev Tumunyaz, the Imam at the Xinjiang Islamic Institute at Kuqa, 280 kilometres away, refers to as "Sinicisation".

"Religion has no national boundaries, but believers have a motherland. Chinese people belong to the People's Republic of China, so religion should adapt to socialism in China," Tumunyaz, 62, contends.

Ma believes there is no contradiction between Chinese socialism and Islam. "Both prioritise the happiness of the people," he says.

The mosque at Kuqa has a dome and minarets. Inside the Islamic Institute's sprawling library, which houses about 30,000 books, the Imam flips through the copies of the Koran laid neatly on a table. The bound books look new and the pages crackle when flipped. There are copies in Uyghur, Arabic, and Chinese. Newspapers in Mongolian, Uyghur, and other languages are stacked in a rack in the reading area.

However, just like the rest of the country, Xinjiang promotes standard Chinese in public educational institutions; students say lessons are not taught in Uyghur or other languages. Uyghur is spoken everywhere, but shop signs are mostly only in Chinese.

An assembly workshop of the Guangzhou Atutomobile Group Co Ltd, Xinjiang. The province is crucial to China's Belt and Road Initiative. RADHIKA SANTHANAM

A government booklet claims that ethnic minorities are "enthusiastic" about learning and using standard Chinese. It says ethnic groups are "encouraged to learn spoken and written languages *from each other*... (emphasis added)" and ethnic languages are "extensively used in areas such as judicature, administration, education, press and publishing, radio and television..."

A small newsroom and the printing press of a county-level newspaper called *Chabuchar Daily*, brought out in the Xibo or Xibe language, are showcased as evidence of this. The four-page tabloid, which translates newspaper reports into Xibo, which is closely related to Manchu, a nearly extinct language, is brought out twice a week for the 30,000 speakers of Xibo in Xinjiang. "As you can see, the government cares about ethnic cultures and languages," says one of the editors, Zhao Jinxiu.

Deradicalisation programme

Both Ma and Tumunyaz emphasise the importance of "laws and regulations" and firmly state that Islam should "develop accordingly". When asked to cite an example of how the law dictates the practice of religion, Tumunyaz says, "The government designates areas where prayers and other religious activities can take place."

At the Islamic Institute at Kuqa, students are given religious education, which includes learning to recite the Koran. They are taught Chinese culture and history, and Islamic history from the time it was introduced in China about 1,300 years ago. They study lessons about the civil code, and laws and regulations regarding religion. They also undergo a 'deradicalisation programme'.

The Chinese argue that this stems from Xinjiang's troubled history. In the last two decades, the region has seen many terror attacks. In 2012, knife-wielding terrorists attacked civilians in Kashgar, leaving 15 dead. In May 2014, attackers crashed cars into shoppers and threw explosives, killing more than 30 people in the capital city of Ürümqi. In July the same year, an Imam in Kashgar was stabbed to death. China has blamed the East Turkestan Islamic Movement, which was founded by militant Uyghur separatists, for some of these attacks.

The fight against what the government calls the "three evils of extremism, terrorism, and separatism" is also China's rationale for the "education and vocational training centres." In written communication with the media, the CCP says through these centres, Xinjiang has "destroyed 1,588 violent and terrorist gangs, arrested 12,995 terrorists..., punished 30,645 people for 4,858 illegal religious activities, and confiscated 3,45,229 copies of illegal religious materials" since 2014. The curriculum at the centres, it says, "begins with learning standard spoken and written Chinese language, then moves onto studying the law, and concludes with learning vocational skills".

Waiting for freedom

However, several Uyghurs have publicly spoken and written about how they did not choose to go to these centres. Many critics have also raised questions about why prominent Uyghur intellectuals, writers, and artists were sent to places that purportedly provide "vocational skills".

Many ethnic minorities have also fled China fearing ill treatment at these centres. In 2013, three Uyghurs – Adil, Abdul Khaliq, and Salamu – from Kargilik in southwest Xinjiang crossed the border into Ladakh in India without any travel documents. They were apprehended by the Indian Army, which handed them over to the Indo-Tibetan Border Police. Later, the three of them were handed over to the local police. They have been in jail since.

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> **MOHAMMAD SHAFI LASSU**
> Lawyer

"All the three young men, one of whom was a minor then, fled to India saying Uyghurs were being persecuted in their country," says Mohammad Shafi Lassu, a lawyer in Leh who is representing them. "They said they had seen all kinds of atrocities. They came to India because they knew that Pakistan would hand them back to China. But in India, after completing their sentence, they were booked under the draconian Public Safety Act in 2015." The Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act, 1978, is a preventive detention law under which a person is taken into custody so that they will not act in a manner that is prejudicial to "the security of the state or the maintenance of public order".

Lassu sounds tired. "I have little hope for their future," he says. Apart from the stringent law, he also cites India's neutrality on the Uyghur question as a reason for his despair. In 2022, the country abstained on a draft resolution at the United Nations Human Rights Commission on holding a debate on human rights in Xinjiang, arguing that it "favours a dialogue to deal with these issues" instead.

It is common refrain in China that "international forces were influencing people over the web"; this is why the government also further tightened its control over the Internet, a move defended as 'cyber sovereignty'. Confident now that terrorism is a thing of the past, Xinjiang also has an 'exhibition of anti-terrorism and anti-extremism'.

The fear of attack had turned Xinjiang into a security zone by all accounts. This seems to have mostly dissipated, except in parts such as the International Grand Bazaar in Ürümqi, where men in uniform check foreigners' passports at the entrance and a security van with armed men is permanently stationed outside.

Tumunyaz says "religion is not extremism and vice versa"; yet displays of overt religiosity are clearly frowned upon and could land people in prison. "The deradicalisation programme is not about targeting any religion or ethnic minority," he says. "We will strike down any separatist."

Tumunyaz, who is also the president of the Xinjiang Islamic Institute and vice chairman of the Chinese Islamic Association, is expecting two more delegations in the afternoon. He says delegates from the United Nations visited him last week. He appears to be the designated point person in Kuqa for all Islam-related questions.

Thrust on development

The message that the nation comes first, before ethnicity and religion, is assertive also given Xinjiang's strategic location. The province borders Mongolia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, and India. As a consequence, it is of great importance to China's mammoth Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which facilitates trade and commerce across the ancient Silk Road routes that connected Asia, West Asia, and Europe for about 1,500 years, from the beginning of the Han dynasty in 130 BCE. Xinjiang was an important section of the ancient Silk Road, which is why the province, characterised by three mountains and two basins, is now called the core area of the Silk Road economic belt.

This has always been one of China's poorest regions, but the thrust on development is clear to the eye. Ürümqi, Yining, and Kuqa all boast excellent infrastructure, delivered with what the guide calls "Chinese efficiency". There are wide roads with cycling and walking paths lined with trees. Industries including textiles, power, manufacturing, and petrochemicals have sprung up everywhere. Xinjiang's GDP rose from about $167.2 billion in 2017 to $278.4 billion in 2022.

Being central to the BRI has also meant that Xinjiang now generates significant revenue from tourism ($14.1 billion in 2022). In Jiayi village in Xinhe county in Yining, tourists flock to an exhibition centre of musical instruments, which is presented as 'intangible cultural heritage'. In Kuqa Qiuz Alley, a sprawling old Uyghur home, whose residents have long since moved out, has been converted into an area for tourists to "experience Uyghur culture". The Grand Bazaar contains a museum of giant naans, and shops selling Uyghur caps and outfits made of Atlas silk. Professor James Leibold at La Trobe University, Melbourne, who is an expert on the politics of ethnicity and race in China, refers to this as "museum-style multiculturalism", while the Chinese in Xinjiang are at pains to point out how this is in fact "protection of ethnic minority culture".

Everywhere journalists are taken, there is an emphasis on how ethnic groups are part of the BRI. At the assembly workshop of the Automobile Guangzhou Car Motor Company, where staff and robots work together, the General Manager, Luo Haitian, says, "Our staff is diversified; about 20% of them are ethnic groups."

At the Xinjiang Software Park, established in 2015, Yang Qing, director of the department of communications, says, "The development of this park is part of our strategic plan to develop five hubs in the economic belt of Xinjiang. Our goal is to be a carrier of the Digital Silk Road. We provide technical support for the stability of society of Xinjiang and for high-quality economic development."

Yang points to various products and applications that have made both the daily lives of the people as well as surveillance by the state and the people – of traffic, grazing cattle, movement, etc. – easier.

Her point on high-quality economic development is borne out by data. But how does technical support ensure stability? "This region was once influenced by terrorism," Yang explains. "So now, we monitor everything."

The writer travelled to Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region as part of a delegation of international journalists from 16 countries hosted by the State Council Information Office of the People's Republic of China

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Kejriwal gets interim bail in excise policy case

The court also referred to a larger Bench questions raised by Mr. Kejriwal on whether an arrest under Section 19 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) could be quashed on the ground that such an arrest was both needless and unnecessary. Mr. Kejriwal had argued that the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) had registered the case related to the now-scrapped excise policy way back in August 2022 and only found it "needful and necessary" to arrest him nearly two years later on March 21, within a few days after the Model Code of Conduct came into force for the General Election 2024. Friday's judgment came on a petition filed by Mr. Kejriwal against his arrest by the ED under the PMLA on March 21.

'Stay on bail should only be granted in rare cases'

The court said it would formally address in a judgment the issue of "casual" orders passed by High Courts staying or suspending bail granted by trial courts. The court was reserving for judgment an appeal filed by Parvinder Khurana, an accused in a money laundering case, whose bail was stayed by the Delhi High Court for more than a year.

"This is shocking. What signals are we sending by passing such stay orders? Can bail be stayed as a matter of course like this? How can bail be stayed for a whole year? Was he a terrorist? What was the reason to stay his bail?" Justice Oka asked the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Justice Oka said bail conditions set by the trial court were safeguard enough to prevent an accused from absconding or influencing witnesses.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for the ED, said suggested that the top court, in its judgment, could insist that High Courts give reasons while staying a trial court bail order.

Doval and Sullivan hold talks amid strain in ties over Russia

The conversation over a call comes after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Moscow; Sullivan had earlier warned that considering Russia as a long-term, reliable partner was a "bad bet" as it would choose China over India if required

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NEW DELHI

Amid a strain over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Moscow this week, National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval spoke to his American counterpart Jake Sullivan on Friday evening, when they agreed to "work closely" to further advance bilateral ties. They also discussed the upcoming Quad Foreign Ministers meeting to be held later this month, and the leaders' summit that could possibly be held later this year.

The conversation followed days of statements by the U.S. administration, expressing concerns about India's ties with Russia and the Modi-Putin meeting, as well as conversations between U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell and Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra as well as U.S. State Department officials and India's acting Ambassador in Washington. On Thursday, U.S. Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti had warned that the U.S. should not be "taken for granted", while Mr. Sullivan said in a television interview that India was placing a "bad bet" on Russia.

Jake Sullivan and Ajit Doval held a discussion on strengthening bilateral ties, the Ministry of External Affairs said. FILE PHOTO

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said that the two NSAs, who had met last in June in New Delhi, discussed a "wide range of issues of bilateral, regional and international concern" and upcoming high-level engagements under the India-U.S.-Japan-Australia Quad framework. Sources told *The Hindu* that the Quad Foreign Ministers meeting was to be scheduled in Tokyo on July 29, after the ASEAN Foreign Ministers outreach meetings in Vientiane, Laos. The meeting has not been officially announced so far, and the MEA statement is the first sign that the Quad FM meeting has been confirmed for July. In addition, India is due to host the Quad Leaders' summit in 2024, although that will depend on the U.S. elections in November.

Global challenges

"The NSAs agreed to work closely to further advance India-U.S. relations, which are built on shared values and common strategic and security interests. They reiterated the need to work collectively to address global challenges to peace and security and further expand the Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership," the MEA statement said, but did not refer specifically to the Russia visit, nor did it clarify who had initiated the call.

On Thursday, at the end of the NATO summit in Washington where Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and leaders of Australia, Japan, New Zealand and South Korea were also invited for what Mr. Sullivan called a "commitment to a common defence" against adversaries like Russia and China. Speaking to MSNBC Television, Mr. Sullivan had said that the U.S. had told every country, including India, that a "bet on Russia as a long-term, reliable partner is not a good bet". He warned that Russia was becoming a "junior partner to China" and that Russia would "side with China over India any day of the week".

At least two U.S. news organisations, including the *Washington Post* and Bloomberg, also reported on a briefing by senior U.S. officials who said that the Joe Biden administration had reached out through several channels to the Modi government, and felt "frustrated" by Mr. Modi's warm meetings with Mr. Putin. The officials quoted said that they had even asked that Mr. Modi reschedule his visit to avoid "deeply inappropriate" timing coinciding with the NATO summit in Washington that sought to show Mr. Putin as "isolated".

Bishops meet PM, ask him to ensure peace in Manipur

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A delegation of bishops, representing the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI), met Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Friday and urged him to ensure peace in Manipur. The bishops conveyed their apprehensions on the "rumours" that the reservation for Dalit tribals will be stopped and expressed concerns about the "increasing attacks" against Christians for alleged forced conversions.

CBCI president Andrews Thazhath told reporters that the PM had conveyed to them that the government was taking all steps to ensure peace in Manipur. "He said it is an ethnic conflict and it does not have a communal colour," Mr. Thazhath said, adding that they did not ask Mr. Modi to visit Manipur.

They also raised the issue of regulations under Foreign Contributions Regulation Act on NGOs. They said many Christian NGOs are facing undue challenges during the renewal of their FCRA registration.

June food inflation accelerates to 9.4%

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NEW DELHI

Costlier vegetables, cereals and fruits spurred the rise in food prices paid by Indian consumers to a six-month high of 9.4% in June, escalating the headline retail inflation pace to a four-month high of 5.08% in June, from a revised 4.8% in May.

Rural inflation spiked to 5.66% from 5.3% a month ago.

Urban consumers faced a price rise of 4.4% compared with 4.2% in May. Urban India faced a higher food inflation of 9.55% while it was 9.2% for their rural peers.

While retail inflation has now been below 6% since September 2023, it is still far from the central bank's 4% target and June's Consumer Price Index (CPI) print dims the prospects of an interest rate cut in this calendar year as the Reserve Bank of India is waiting for a durable return to its target rate. Retail inflation stood at 4.87% in June 2023 while the food price index was up 4.55%.

The heatwave and delayed monsoon onset in parts of the country spurred vegetable prices 29.3% higher in June, from a 27.3% rise in May, making it the eighth successive month of double-digit rise in prices. Prices of pulses rose 16.1%, the thirteenth successive month of 10% inflation, while the price rise in fruits accelerated to 7.15%.

Crisil chief economist Dharmakirti Joshi termed the inflation in vegetables and foodgrains a major worry but hoped that the monsoon's progress should cool food inflation in coming months.

Net tax receipts up 19.5%, corporate tax share at 36.6%

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NEW DELHI

By July 11, the I-T department had issued ₹70,902 crore as refunds to taxpayers

Growth in India's net direct tax collections slowed slightly to 19.54% by July 11, relative to a 21% rise recorded by June 17, with revenues hitting ₹5.74 lakh crore, the Income Tax department said on Friday.

Personal income tax (PIT) receipts constituted 60.2% of the net collections at ₹3.46 lakh crore, rising 21.4% year-on-year, while corporate taxes yielded 36.6% of net revenues at ₹2.1 lakh crore, reflecting a 12.5% growth.

With stock market trading volumes rising, receipts from the Securities Transaction Tax (STT) soared to ₹16,634 crore, 2.3 times the receipts at the same time last year. Combined with STT receipts, net PIT collections were up 24.1%, almost twice the growth recorded in net corporate taxes.

By July 11, the Income Tax department had issued ₹70,902 crore as refunds to taxpayers, 62.5% higher than a year ago. Corporate taxpayers received 77.7% of these refunds, while personal tax payers got about ₹15,826 crore back.

Prior to refunds, gross tax collections stood at a little over ₹6.45 lakh crore, marking a 23.2% growth. Of this, corporate tax receipts were up 20.4% while PIT and STT revenues were up 25.3%.

In 2023-24, net direct tax revenues had risen 17.7% to ₹19.58 lakh crore, with PIT's share rising to 53.3% from 50.06% in the previous year.

Centre amends rules to broaden the administrative role of J&K L-G

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NEW DELHI

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Friday widened the ambit of the administrative role of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir by amending the Transaction of Business Rules. The amendment gives the L-G more say in matters pertaining to police, public order, All India Service (AIS) which require prior concurrence of the Finance Department and also their transfers and postings.

Any proposal regarding appointment of Advocate-General, Law Officers and proposals regarding grant or refusal of prosecution sanction or filing of appeal shall be placed before the L-G first.

On August 5, 2019, the special status granted to J&K under Article 370 of the Constitution was revoked and the former State was divided into two Union Territories: J&K and Ladakh, the latter without an assembly. J&K has been under Central rule since June 2018. The government has said that Statehood will be restored after Assembly elections are held. The Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court has ordered the Election Commission to conduct elections to J&K Assembly before September 30, 2024. On Friday, the MHA notified the amended Rules under Section 55 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 which inserted new Sections defining the L-G's role.

The amendments give the L-G of Jammu and Kashmir more say in matters pertaining to police and public order. PTI

"No proposal which requires previous concurrence of the Finance Department with regard to 'Police', 'Public Order', 'All India Service' and 'Anti Corruption Bureau' to exercise the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor under the Act shall be concurred or rejected unless it has been placed before the Lieutenant Governor through the Chief Secretary," the notification said.

It added another provision which said, "Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs shall submit the proposal for appointment of Advocate-General and other Law Officers to assist the Advocate-General in the court proceedings, for approval of the Lieutenant Governor through the Chief Secretary and the Chief Minister."

It said that any proposal regarding grant or refusal of prosecution sanction or filing of appeal shall be placed before the Lieutenant Governor through the Chief Secretary by the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.

All matters connected with Prisons, Directorate of Prosecution and Forensic Science Laboratory are also to be submitted to the L-G.

Centralised hiring leads to language, cultural barriers in Eklavya schools

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NEW DELHI

The recent centralisation of recruitment for tribal residential schools across the country, which introduced Hindi competency as a mandatory requirement, has resulted in a flood of requests for transfers.

The large numbers of staff recruited from the Hindi-speaking States are protesting postings to the Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) located in southern States, where the language, food and culture are unfamiliar to them.

Though Central officials point out that the willingness to be posted anywhere in the country was part of the requirement for those applying for jobs, the bigger worry may be the impact on tribal students being taught by teachers who are unfamiliar with the local language and culture.

Officials said the centralisation of hiring was meant to address a severe shortage of teachers in the EMRS system. FILE PHOTO

Until last year, staff recruitment for the Ministry of Tribal Affairs' flagship Eklavya schools was done by State authorities.

In the 2023 Budget Session of Parliament, however, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that the responsibility was being shifted to the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), which has now been given the task of staffing 38,000 positions in over 400 Eklavya schools across the country.

Officials said the centralisation of recruitment was meant to address a severe shortage of teachers in the EMRS system, and to standardise recruitment rules across States, which had earlier used varying criteria and applied reservation quotas as per their State legislations. The examination for this centralised recruitment process – the 2023 EMRS Staff Selection Examination – was entrusted with the National Testing Agency.

NIA chargesheets 2 persons in IS terror conspiracy case

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MUMBAI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday chargesheeted two persons, including a Libya-based terrorist, in the IS terror conspiracy case connected with the global terror network's module in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (Aurangabad).

The accused, Mohammed Zoheb Khan, who was arrested by the agency in February following searches across multiple locations, was chargesheeted by NIA along with Libya-based Mohammed Shoeb Khan in the conspiracy to promote the IS anti-India agenda.

They had conspired to recruit vulnerable youth to carry out terror attacks at sensitive installations across India, the agency said. The duo was booked under various Sections of the Indian Penal Code and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). The NIA, in the chargesheet, has mentioned about international linkages in the conspiracy with involvement of foreign-based handlers of IS.

Investigations in the case had revealed a web of anti-India activities involving the two accused. The agency found out that the two men had taken a '*bayath*' (pledge of allegiance) towards the self-proclaimed Khalifa of IS.

The accused, who had planned to flee to Afghanistan or Turkey after executing a series of terror attacks in India as part of the conspiracy, were also found to be actively involved in developing a website for the promotion of the extremist and violent ideology of IS.

Video clip shows trainee IAS officer's mother brandishing gun and threatening farmer

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PUNE

Pune (Rural) Police have decided to investigate the clip, which is related to a land dispute

A day after the Centre set up a panel to investigate trainee IAS officer Pooja Khedkar, more skeletons tumbled out of the family cupboard with a video clip showing her mother brandishing a gun and threatening a farmer in Pune in a case of land dispute.

The video clip, said to be at least a year old, shows Ms. Pooja Khedkar's mother Manorama Khedkar verbally browbeating a man, presumably a farmer, with a pocket pistol in her hand. The two-minute video shows Ms. Manorama, accompanied by bouncers, arguing about ownership of a plot of land in Pune's Mulshi tehsil with the farmer.

"Show me the *saatbara* (land records). The documents of this plot of land bear my name," Ms. Manorama Khedkar is heard shouting at the man in Marathi despite the latter's protestations that the plot of land was in his name.

The person then says that the matter is in court. To this, Ms. Manorama Khedkar is heard warning the man not to "teach her the rules".

It has been alleged that Ms. Pooja Khedkar's father, retired government servant Deelip Khedkar, amassed property worth crores and purchased land at several locations, including in Mulshi taluk.

When farmers tried to lodge a complaint with the police over Ms. Manorama Khedkar's behaviour, their supplications allegedly went unheeded. However, with Ms. Pooja Khedkar now under the scanner, the Pune (Rural) Police have decided to probe the video clip and were ascertaining the facts of the case. While authorities said they would investigate if Ms. Manorama Khedkar has a licence to own a firearm, her lawyer confirmed that she had one and that she had allegedly carried it for her 'safety' on the day of the argument.

Meanwhile, the Navi Mumbai Police have reported to the Maharashtra government that Ms. Pooja Khedkar had allegedly tried to pressure a DCP-rank officer to release a man held in a theft case.

Opposition hits out at Centre over 'high unemployment rate'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Flagging a viral video of a stampede-like situation in Bharuch district of Gujarat, where over 800 people turned up for a walk-in interview held by a firm for 40 vacancies, the Opposition renewed its attack on the government over the high unemployment rate in the country.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, posting the video on X, said the "disease of unemployment has taken the form of an epidemic in India and BJP-ruled States have turned into the epicentre of this disease".

In the video, aspirants are seen jostling with one another over a narrow ledge to enter the interview venue. The railing of the ramp, on which the aspirants were standing, collapsed under their collective weight.

'Future of India'

In the post, Mr. Gandhi said, "The 'future of India' standing in queues for a common job is the reality of Narendra Modi's '*Amrit Kaal*'."

"This video is proof of the 'cheating model' that BJP has played on the people of Gujarat for the last 22 years," Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said in a post on X.

"The BJP's promise of providing two crore jobs annually – paper leak, recruitment corruption, education mafia, keeping government jobs vacant for years, knowingly not filling SC/ST/OBC/EWS posts, recruitment on contract by bringing schemes like Agniveer, and leaving crores of youth to wander from door to door' – has fallen prey to all these!" he said.

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav said the video reveals the "truth" about the Gujarat model of "false development". The youth, he said, will remove the BJP government because as long as the BJP is there, there is no hope for them.

"This is PM Narendra Modi's legacy - record unemployment, desperation & chaos!" the Trinamool Congress posted on X.

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "He gives knowledge to everyone about '*vikas*' but he isn't able to give employment to the people of Gujarat," he said.

Centre declares June 25 as 'Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas'

It will commemorate the massive contributions of all those who endured the inhuman pains of the 1975 Emergency, says Shah; Congress dismisses it as a 'headline-grabbing exercise' in hypocrisy

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Home Minister Amit Shah said the observance of the day will help keep alive the eternal flame of individual freedom. PTI

The Union government has decided to observe June 25 – the day Emergency was imposed in 1975 – as *Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas*, Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced on Friday.

"This day will commemorate the massive contributions of all those who endured the inhuman pains of the 1975 Emergency," Mr. Shah posted on X.

The Gazette notification on the decision does not provide any English translation for the name of the day, simply using the Hindi words in Roman script. A literal English translation, however, would be 'Constitution Assassination Day'.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the day would serve as a reminder of what happens when the Constitution of India is trampled over.

"It is also a day to pay homage to each and every person who suffered due to the excesses of the Emergency, a Congress-unleashed dark phase of Indian history," Mr. Modi said.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said the announcement was "yet another headline-grabbing exercise in hypocrisy by the non-biological Prime Minister who had imposed an undeclared Emergency for 10 long years before the people of India handed him a decisive personal, political, and moral defeat on June 4, 2024 – which will go down in history as Modi Mukti Diwas [or Liberation from Modi Day]".

The Gazette notification issued on Friday said that a proclamation of Emergency was made on June 25, 1975, following which "there was gross abuse of power by the government of the day and people of India were subjected to excesses and atrocities".

It added that the people of India have abiding faith in the Constitution and the power of India's resilient democracy.

"Therefore, Government of India declares 25th June as *Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas* to pay tribute to all those who suffered and fought against the gross abuse of power during the period of Emergency and to recommit the people of India to not support in any manner such gross abuse of power, in future," the notification said.

'Dictatorial mindset'

Mr. Shah said the government's decision was "intended to honour the spirit of millions who struggled to revive democracy despite facing inexplicable persecution at the hands of an oppressive government".

He added that "the observance of the day will help keep the eternal flame of individual freedom and the defence of our democracy alive in every Indian, thus preventing dictatorial forces like the Congress from repeating those horrors".

"On June 25, 1975, the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, in a brazen display of a dictatorial mindset, strangled the soul of our democracy by imposing the Emergency on the nation. Lakhs of people were thrown behind bars for no fault of their own, and the voice of the media was silenced," Mr. Shah said.

INBRIEF

Don't use derogatory language against Smriti Irani, says Rahul

The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, made a public appeal asking Congress workers and others to refrain from using "derogatory language" against former Union Minister Smriti Irani. His remarks come amid a flurry of remarks and memes on Ms. Irani after she vacated her official bungalow following defeat in the Lok Sabha election to the Congress's Kishori Lal Sharma in Amethi. "Winning and losing happen in life. I urge everyone to refrain from using derogatory language and being nasty towards Smt. Smriti Irani or any other leader for that matter. Humiliating and insulting people is a sign of weakness, not strength," Mr. Gandhi said. Ms. Irani had defeated Mr. Gandhi from Amethi in the 2019 Lok Sabha election, but lost to Mr. Sharma by a margin of over 1.6 lakh votes in the 2024 election.

Mahayuti gets nine seats in MLC election, MVA bags two

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

After two years, once again, the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) legislators have cross-voted to defeat one of their candidates in the Maharashtra Legislative Council (MLC) election. This time, sitting MLC member Jayant Patil of the Peasants and Workers' Party of India (PWPI), who was backed by the Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar), lost.

There were a dozen candidates in the fray for 11 seats of the Upper House – nine of them from the ruling *Mahayuti* alliance, two from the MVA, and one MVA-backed nominee.

The 288-seat Assembly has a current strength of 274 members, and each candidate required a minimum of 23 votes to secure a berth.

Viewed as a precursor to the Assembly election due later this year, it was a clean sweep for the ruling *Mahayuti* alliance.

The BJP fielded five candidates – Pankaja Munde, Yogesh Tilekar, Parinay Phuke, Amit Gorkhe and Sadabhau Khot. The Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena nominated former MP Krupal Tumane and Bhavana Gawali, and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) fielded Rajesh Vitekar and Shivajirao Garje.

From the Opposition, only two candidates – Pradnya Satav of the Congress and Milind Narvekar of Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) – secured adequate votes to get elected.

The results indicate that six or seven Congress MLAs voted for non-MVA candidates as Ms. Satav bagged 25 first preference votes against the fixed quota of 30 and Mr. Narvekar got 22 first preference votes.

"This indicates that we will win Maharashtra Assembly election as well," Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said after the results.

Akhilesh corners U.P. govt. over plight of poor during floods

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

Akhilesh Yadav

After a video from Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri district emerged on Friday in which a man is seen carrying the body of his teenage sister who died due to typhoid as no medical help could reach her due to the floods, Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav urged the government to make arrangements for emergency medical facilities in the flood-affected areas.

"The helpless brother tried his best to take his sister to the hospital by carrying her on his shoulders, but the sister died on the way. The government is expected to make additional arrangements for emergency medical facilities in flood situations and remember that the life of a poor person also has some value," Mr. Yadav wrote on X.

He also posted a video in which the deceased is seen lying on the road, while her brother along with some well-wishers is seen trying to lift her. Later, the brother holds her on his shoulder, with tears rolling down his cheeks. The girl, Shivani, was carried by her brother to their house as incessant rain had washed away roads in her village.

Twelve districts of the State are facing the fury of floods. So far, 633 villages across 33 tehsils have been hit, affecting 17.97 lakh people and 18,000 heads of cattle. More than 1.45 lakh hectares of agricultural land have been submerged.

What is Modi's position on 'billionaire tax', asks Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to spell out his position on imposing a 2% wealth tax on billionaires, ahead of the meeting of G-20 Finance Ministers in Brazil's Rio de Janeiro later this month. The meeting is scheduled to discuss a proposal on this subject.

Congress general secretary (communication) Jairam Ramesh, in a post on X, said that all over the world, there is a growing consensus that billionaires must pay their fair share of taxes. As proposed by Brazil and endorsed by France, Spain, South Africa and Germany, the world is moving towards a 2% wealth tax on these billionaires.

"India has 167 dollar billionaires. A 2% wealth tax would raise 1.5 lakh crores each year – almost 0.5% of our GDP. This could pay for schools, hospitals, renewable energy, and many more essential investments in the future of our country," Mr. Ramesh said. "What is the non-biological PM's position on a "billionaire tax"? What will be India's position when it will be discussed at the G-20 meet in Rio de Janeiro later this month?" he asked.

Mr. Ramesh's comments came following an open letter by former Presidents and Prime Ministers to current leaders of the G-20, urging support for a global tax on billionaires.

Brazil's G-20 Presidency put the proposal on the table as it seeks to build support for a declaration at the grouping's meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors later this month.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 11 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, its subsequent amendments and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 as amended from time to time notified there under, the Government of Rajasthan has notified **Dugocha Block District Salumber for Gold and Associated Mineralization, Surat Singh Ji Ka Khera Block District Chittorgarh for Basemetal & Associated Mineralization and Sajit-II Block District Jaisalmer for Siliceous Earth for the purpose of grant of Composite License.**

In exercise of the power of auction conferred by Section 10(BA) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 to the State Government to grant Exploration License for minerals specified in the Seventh Schedule and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 as amended from time to time notified there under, the Government of Rajasthan has notified **three blocks Chaba-Nawatala-Patodi Block District - Barmer & Jodhpur (Raj), for REE Mineralization, Renwal-Raithal-Kaladera Block District - Jaipur, Sikar & Nagaur, for REE & RM Mineralization and Sarasar-Pallu-Dhandhusar Hardaswali Block in District - Hanumangarh, Shri Ganganagar, Churu & Bikaner, for Potash Mineralization for grant of Exploration License.**

Accordingly, financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders for the auction of these six blocks.

The details of blocks are as summarized below:-

S No	Name of Block and Tender No.	Attempt	License/ Lease	Start Date of Sale of Tender Document on MSTC	Last Date of Sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	Bid Due date and time	Auction Date
1.	Dugocha Block, District Salumber for Gold & Associated Mineralization, (14997, 15000)	First attempt	Composite License	05-07- 2024	22-07-2024 upto 2400 Hrs (IST)	12-08-2024 upto 1300 Hrs (IST)	27-08-2024
2.	Surat Singh Ji Ka Khera Block, District Chittorgarh for Basemetal & Associated Mineralization, (14998, 15001)	Second attempt	Composite License	05-07- 2024	22-07-2024 upto 2400 Hrs (IST)	12-08-2024 upto 1300 Hrs (IST)	28-08-2024
3.	Sajit-II Block, District Jaisalmer for Siliceous Earth (14999,15002)	Second attempt	Composite License	05-07- 2024	22-07-2024 upto 2400 Hrs (IST)	12-08-2024 upto 1300 Hrs (IST)	29-08-2024
4.	Chaba-Nawatala-Patodi Block District - Barmer & Jodhpur (Raj), for REE Mineralization, (15004, 15007)	Second attempt	Exploration License	05-07- 2024	22-07-2024 upto 2400 Hrs (IST)	12-08-2024 upto 1300 Hrs (IST)	30-08-2024
5.	Renwal-Raithal-Kaladera Block District - Jaipur, Sikar & Nagaur, for REE & RM Mineralization, (15005, 15008)	Second attempt	Exploration License	05-07- 2024	22-07-2024 upto 2400 Hrs (IST)	12-08-2024 upto 1300 Hrs (IST)	02-09-2024
6.	Sarasar-Pallu-Dhandhusar Hardaswali Block in District - Hanumangarh, Shri Ganganagar, Churu & Bikaner, for Potash Mineralization, (15006, 15009)	Second attempt	Exploration License	05-07- 2024	22-07-2024 upto 2400 Hrs (IST)	12-08-2024 upto 1300 Hrs (IST)	03-09-2024

The mineral concession of the blocks will be granted in accordance with the Honourable Supreme Court order dated 09-05-2024, in writ petition (civil) no. 4677/1985, M.C. Mehta v/s Union of India & ORS with writ petition (s) (civil) no. 202/1995, T N Godaverman v/s Union of India & ORS or any subsequent order issued in these petitions, if applicable.

The interested and eligible bidders, upon registration on MSTC website <http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcln/index.jsp> will obtain login ID and Password. After successful registration, the eligible bidder can purchase the Tender Document online on payment of the tender fee of Rs. 2,00,000/- (Indian Rupees Two Lakh) and can participate in the e-auction process.

If a bidder had already purchased the tender document during the first attempt of auction for a specific block, then in the second attempt of auction, the tender document will be available for download to that same bidder only for the same block, upon payment of a non-refundable Tender Document fee of INR 25,000/- (Indian Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand Only).

The GST at the rate of 18% is applicable on the purchase of tender document. The GST applicable is to be submitted by the prospective bidder itself and the copy of receipt is to be attached with the technical bid. The prospective bidder shall be solely responsible for remitting the GST as per applicable law and statutory liability in this regard will be responsibility of prospective bidder and no liability whatsoever shall be borne by the DMGR/MSTC.

Detailed terms and conditions, deadlines etc. for participation in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. The Model Tender Document and the Mineral Block Summary is available free of cost in electronic form and can be downloaded from the website of MSTC Ltd, <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcln/index.jsp>; and Department of Mines & Geology <www.mines.rajasthan.gov.in> for the purpose of information only. Timelines, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process are available on the website of <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcln/index.jsp >.

Any revision, clarifications, addendum, corrigendum, time extensions, etc. to the above tender documents will be hosted on websites <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcln/index.jsp>; and <www.mines.rajasthan.gov.in> only and no separate notifications shall be issued in the press.

Director
Date: 05-07-2024 Department of Mines & Geology, Rajasthan, Udaipur
DIPR/C/5740/2024

CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF IMAGING TECHNOLOGY (C-DIT)
Thiruvallam, Thiruvananthapuram-27
Ph: 0471-2380910/912/895

TENDER NOTICE

C-DIT invites sealed tender for the "Implementing Virtual Desktop Solution on Cloud Mode" Lastdate: **24.07.2024, 3.00 PM**
For details visit www.cdit.org

12.07.2024 **Registrar, C-DIT**

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIES
DATE :13.07.2024

NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
(Through e-procurement portal of Government of Telangana only)

Directorate of Industries (DoI) invites RFP through e-procurement portal of Government of Telangana from reputed consultancy organizations for setting up of State Programme Implementation Unit (SPIU) under Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) of Government of India.

1. A) Cost of RFP Document : **Rs. 25,000/-**(Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)
B) Earnest Money Deposit: **Rs. 15,00,000/-** (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Only)
The amount may be paid through DD in favor of Director of Industries payable at Hyderabad.
2. RFP can be viewed and downloaded from
Website: **https.//tender.telangana.gov.in,** Tender ID: 52854
3. Start Date & Time for submission of proposals online: **20.07.2024** from 11:00 AM onwards.
4. Last Date & Time for submission of proposals online: **31.07.2024** by 5 PM.
5. DoI reserves the right to cancel this notification without assigning any reason whatsoever.
6. For Further information contact Joint Director at **9652332103**

R.O. No. : 178-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25 Date: 12-07-2024 **Sd/- Director of Industries.**

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&C), IDCO, IDCO TOWERS, JANPATH, BHUBANESWAR - 751022

Tender Call Notice No. IDCO/H.O./P&C/EST/E-1281/03/2017 / 20230, dated : 11.07.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT

1. Name of the Work : Construction and Up-gradation of Internal Roads at Ramdaspur Industrial Estate, Barang, Cuttack, Odisha.
2. Estimated Cost : Rs.567.15 Lakh
3. Period of Completion : 05 (Five) Calendar months.
4. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid ID / Tender reference No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
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Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Bhubaneswar.	Bid ID / Tender Reference No. P&C / EST/E-10 / 2024-25	20.07.2024 at 17.00 Hrs.	05.08.2024 up to 17.00 Hrs.

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** and Corrigendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** and **www.idco.in.**

Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar
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V.O. CHIDAMBARANAR PORT AUTHORITY
CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
TUTICORIN - 628 004.
SAGARMALA

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Only Through E-Tendering Mode)
VOCPA E-Tendering Website : https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app
NIT No. 01/NCB II Backup yard / PD / 2024-25 / D.1953 Date: 12.07.2024
V.O.Chidambaranar Port invites tenders (Online tenders) in "Two bid system" from interested, reputed, well experienced Contractor having sufficient experience as per the tender to carry out the work.

Name of work	Filling and development of area behind the North Cargo Berth II
Estimated value of work put to tender (in Indian Rupees)	Rs. 3,17,24,696/- (Rupees Three crores Seventeen Lakhs Twenty four thousand six hundred and ninety six only)
Period of completion	4 months (Four Months)
Downloading of Tender from VOCPA online e-tendering website	12.07.2024 to 29.07.2024
Last date and time for submission of Tender through online	29.07.2024 upto 15:00 Hrs
Online Technical Bid opening date and time	30.07.2024 at 15:30 Hrs
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 6,34,494/- (Rupees Six lakhs thirty four thousand four hundred and ninety four only)
Validity of offer	120 days

For further details, visit port Website: www.vocport.gov.in
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Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER

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ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करते हुए संक्षिप्त सूचना / BRIEF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, निम्नलिखित कार्य के लिए ई–टेंडरिंग द्वारा ऑनलाइन मद–दर निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।
On behalf of the President of India, online item-rate tenders are invited through E-tendering for the following work.

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योग्यता मानदंड तथा अन्य ब्यौरों को पाने के लिए इच्छुक निविदाकार ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करते हुए विस्तृत सूचना (ई–एनआइटी) का अवलोकन करें, जिसे www.tenderwizard.in/isro or www.isro.gov.in से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (E-NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website www.tenderwizard.in/isro or www.isro.gov.in.

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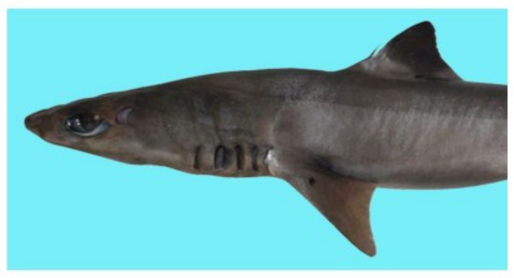
INBRIEF



New species of dogfish shark discovered in Kerala harbour

Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India have discovered a new species of deep-water dogfish shark, *Squalus hima*, from the Sakthikulangara fishing harbour in Kerala. Squalus is a genus of dogfish sharks in the family Squalidae, commonly known as spurdogs, and are characterised by smooth dorsal fin spines. The discovery, made by a team of scientists led by scientist Bineesh K. K, was published in the journal *Records of the Zoological Survey of India*. The shark species from the genus *Squalus* and Centrophorus are often exploited for their liver oil which is in high demand in pharmaceutical industry, Dr. Bineesh said.

HC grants relief to Rahul in 2014 RSS defamation case

The Bombay High Court on Friday granted relief to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in a criminal defamation case filed in 2014 by Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) worker Rajesh Kunte. He alleged that Mr. Gandhi had made a false and defamatory statement in an election rally, holding the RSS accountable for the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. A single judge Bench of the High Court passed the order in a writ petition filed by Mr. Gandhi, challenging an order of the Bhiwandi magistrate court, which had allowed Mr. Kunte to "belatedly" submit the transcript of the speech as additional evidence in the criminal defamation case.

Patna HC grants CBI custody of 13 accused in NEET case

The Patna High Court on Friday granted the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) the custody of 13 people arrested by the Patna police in connection with the NEET-UG paper leak case. The agency will now be in a position to question the accused in custody and also confront them with Rakesh Ranjan, alias Rocky, one of the key accused in the case. The CBI had sought the remand of the 13 accused but the application was earlier rejected by the Exclusive Magistrate, CBI, Patna. However, Justice Sandeep Kumar of the High Court stayed the order, considering the seriousness of the case.

West Bengal moves SC against Governor for sitting on Bills

West Bengal has moved the Supreme Court against the Governor for sitting on eight crucial Bills without giving any reasons for the delay. The State argued that the Governor's omission would "defeat and subvert" democratic good governance. The proposed laws include the West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Bill; West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences (Amendment) Bill; West Bengal Private University Laws (Amendment) Bill; West Bengal Krishi Viswavidyalaya Laws (Second Amendment) Bill; West Bengal University of Health Sciences (Amendment) Bill; Aliah University (Amendment) Bill; West Bengal Town and Country Bill; and the West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Bill.

ED cannot make arrests under PMLA on a whim, says SC

The judgment was based on a petition by Arvind Kejriwal; ED's power to arrest must be based on objective, fair consideration of material, says SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday held that the power to arrest under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) cannot be exercised on the "whims and fancies" of officers of the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

The court wondered if the ED even had a consistent, uniform and "one-rule-for-all" policy on when they should arrest people. It said the ED's power to arrest must be based on objective and fair consideration of material against a person.

Under the PMLA, ED officers can arrest a person if they have reasons to believe, based on the material in their possession, that the individual is guilty.

A Bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta, in a judgment, said the power of arrest given to the ED officers under Section 19 (1) of the PMLA was drastic and ran the risk of violating the right to life and liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution.

The Bench said the power of arrest given to ED officers under the PMLA ran the risk of violating the right to life and liberty. REUTERS

The judgment was based on a petition filed by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, challenging the validity of his arrest by the ED on money laundering charges. The court granted him interim bail.

Pulling out data on the ED cases from 2023, Justice Khanna, who authored the verdict, said 5,906 Enforcement Case Information Reports (ECIRs) were registered as of December 31, 2023. However, search was conducted in 531 ECIRs by issue of 4,954 search warrants. The number of ECIRs against former MPs, MLAs, and MLCs was 176. The number of persons arrested was 513 whereas the number of prosecution complaints filed is 1,142. "The data raises a number of questions...," he noted.

Highlighting that the PMLA allowed arrests on the subjective opinion of the ED officers, the court said an officer's "reasons to believe" that a person was guilty and deserved arrest should not be based on mere suspicion.

Justice Khanna agreed with Mr. Kejriwal that an accused should be given in writing the reasons which had led an investigating officer to believe that he was guilty and deserved to be arrested.

Content determined by volunteer editors, says Wikipedia parent

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

The Wikimedia Foundation, the parent organisation of Wikipedia, has responded to a lawsuit filed by news agency Asian News International (ANI).

ANI has sued the organisation, demanding ₹2 crore for what it said were defamatory allegations in the introduction section of its page on the online encyclopaedia, such as its alleged pro-government bias and tendency to cite misinformation.

"It has come to our attention via press reports that the Hon'ble Delhi High Court has issued a summons to the Wikimedia Foundation regarding a defamation case filed by ANI against the Foundation," it said in a statement. "As a technology host, the Wikimedia Foundation generally does not add, edit or determine content published on Wikipedia. Wikipedia's content is determined by its global community of volunteer editors (also known as the 'Wikimedia Community') who compile and share information on notable subjects."

The foundation said it had not yet received any summons, and would determine the next steps when it did.

A news agency has sued Wikimedia for ₹2 crore.

The case pits, potentially for the first time in such a significant way, Wikipedia's volunteer-centric editorial norms against Indian regulations like the IT Rules, 2021, which require all loosely defined Internet "intermediaries" to take action against content online if it is, among other things, defamatory, and a court or government order is issued against them.

One of the main constraints in this case is that Wikipedia abstains from the kind of article-level control over its content that such regulations demand of online platforms, deferring instead to its vast network of volunteer editors. Having content run by volunteers opens the encyclopaedia up to such legal claims, while also risking vandalism. In 2022, for instance, then Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar called out the platform for derogatory remarks added to cricketer Arshdeep Singh's page.

India shows good progress on SDGs: NITI Aayog report

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

NITI Aayog on Friday released its fourth evaluation report of India's progress on the 16 sustainable development goals (SDGs) adopted in 2015 by all United Nations member countries, giving India a score of 71 out of 100, as compared to 57 in 2018.

"SDGs are directly linked to people's welfare, well-being and quality of life," B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, NITI Aayog's CEO, told presspersons at the report's launch.

Health conditions have improved, he said, thanks to better public health and insurance coverage. Education was helped by high teacher-student ratios but teacher quality needed targeted interventions, Mr. Subrahmanyam added.

Income and gender inequality were the SDGs which have seen a drop in the score.

The report noted a slight drop from 0.75 last year to 0.73 in the ratio of women's earnings compared to men.

The report's release comes ahead of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development to be held under UN auspices in New York on July 18.

'India-U.S. tech partnership will grow to hundreds of millions of dollars'

Nihal Krishan
NEW DELHI

India and the United States are expected to dramatically ramp up funding and resources to hundreds of millions of dollars for a bilateral agreement around critical and emerging technologies in the coming years, a top U.S. official said after a June meeting between key political and industry leaders where there was a focus on reducing tech regulations, simplifying government processes between the two nations, and responsible development of artificial intelligence (AI).

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and his U.S. counterpart, Jake Sullivan, chaired the second meeting of the bilateral Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) at the end of June in Delhi with a focus on areas including AI, quantum computing, semiconductors, and wireless telecommunication, which have collectively been given a few million dollars of funding for research and scaling technologies so far.

Sethuraman Panchanathan

The initiative was launched in January 2023 to strengthen the U.S.-India strategic partnership and drive technology and defence cooperation and was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Joe Biden in May 2022.

Sethuraman Panchanathan, the Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF), an independent agency of the U.S. government with a $10-billion budget, helped lead the iCET bilateral meeting in Delhi and said that the U.S.-India dynamic would grow dramatically based on common principles, values, simple processes, and good ideas as the foundation.

"I understand the desire to have tens of millions of dollars, hundreds of millions of dollars, supported in the future that is a natural expectation and our U.S.-India growth in tech is on that trajectory it's heading towards that, but that is based on for established partnership between entities that share common constructs of working together," Mr. Panchanathan told *The Hindu*.

"People always like money up front, right? Nothing wrong with that. I am a firm believer that resources follow good ideas and good partnerships. So as things scale, resources will definitely be brought to the table on both sides," he said.

However, Mr. Panchanathan added that the key challenges remain for the two governments and tech industry players primarily around "processes, procedures, regulations, all of these things can be made simpler on both sides. We can have more productive, more seamless interactions. So that we're enabling much more of a stronger partnership from industry to industry. That was what was discussed during iCET".

No controversial text will be included in DU syllabus, says Pradhan

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on Friday that the Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University (DU) had rejected the proposal to include ancient Sanskrit text *Manusmriti* in its undergraduate law course.

Mr. Pradhan said the Education Ministry was committed to the Constitution and to a "futuristic approach".

"There is no question of including any controversial portion of any script...," he said.

On Thursday, after it came to the notice of the Ministry that *Manusmriti* had been proposed to be a part of the law course at the university, Mr. Pradhan said he enquired about this and spoke to the Vice-Chancellor. "He [Vice-Chancellor] assured me that some law faculty member had proposed changes in the jurisprudence chapter and that such a proposal had been received by the DU administration. However in the Academic Council meeting there was no endorsement of any such proposal. The V-C has rejected that proposal. The government is committed to upholding the true spirit and letter of the Constitution," Mr. Pradhan said.

The DU Academic Council for Academic Matters convened on Friday, and readings on *Manusmriti* were proposed to be included in the course material as part of efforts to introduce Indian perspectives in line with the National Education Policy, 2020.

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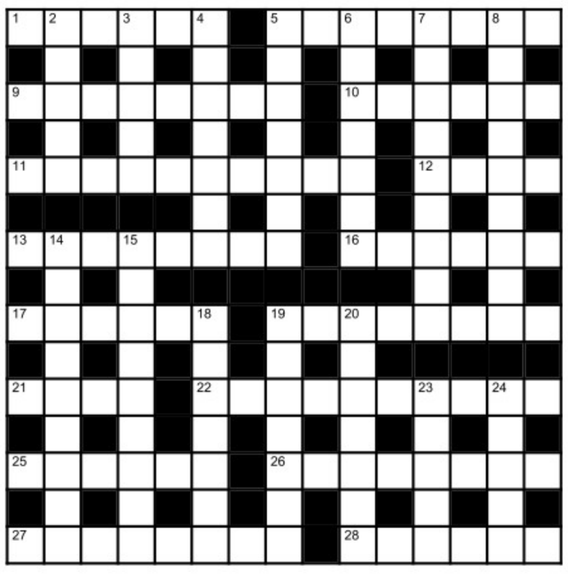

Across

1 Hero primarily wears Maxim's extremely luminous capes (6)
5 Geometric shape usual with a South American weapon (8)
9 Standard tirade, it's obvious (8)
10 Peeled open tins to get nuts (6)
11 Handyman assembled robust auto (10)
12 She is not a hit! (4)
13 Sweet tele models helping to make flipped egg dish (8)
16 Fearless, much-loved but left out! (6)
17 Impression originally found on sea shell, is lasting (6)
19 Spooner's lover could be a shooter (8)
21 School member is arrested between first of February and end of March (4)
22 Cocktail on a deck? (3,3,4)
25 Fussy or insanely neat (6)
26 Fresh, hot and extremely advanced (8)
27 First of eleven records describing sex to snobs (8)
28 International organization returns Byzantine coin to a Papal Ambassador (6)

Down

2 Ignoring boundaries she yells, "Joe! Howdy?" (5)
3 Rewards from SWAG Estimates (5)
4 Reportedly spots a vacant loft, it can be used for preserving food (3,4)
5 Spooner exclaims, "Sexy European in depression!" (7)
6 Plant covers position, it is rumoured (7)
7 A cream craftily stolen by brother-in-law (one having two houses) (9)
8 Fancy church burying crime ages ago (4,5)
14 Tubular contractile fibre from unusually firm, oily top of body (9)
15 Bleed after declaring, "Free earth is destroyed!" (4,5)
18 The French recipe takes wine from the south, basically stored in pantries (7)
19 Seminar about relics (7)
20 Raven is only devouring meat (7)
23 Pass working organ (5)
24 Jack in trouble, ignoring Charlie's symbolic form of communication from the east (5)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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4	3	1	8	5	2	9	7	6
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FAITH

Lessons from Yoga Vasishtam

A number of enlightened souls found their calling at 16 years of age, including Rama, who manifested on earth as a royal in order to show mankind how to lead a dharmic way of life. When one reaches that state of inner stillness and detachment, forces will work together to elevate such a person to a higher level, said Sri Ramanacharana Tirtha Swami in a discourse on the ancient text *Yoga Vasishtam*.

At 16, Rama's friends found him to be detached, sitting as still as a painting and focused on inner thoughts. At this juncture, sage Viswamithra, who arrived there, asked Rama what had been gnawing him like a rat working away at a building. "What ails your *adhi* (mind)?" A relieved Rama says, "You are my *bandhu*, only you can help me. I am weighed down by all the happenings in this world."

Viswamithra assuages his fear, assuring Rama that there is a way to cross this bridge of *samsara*, preparing Rama to be initiated by guru Vasishta. Rama, then in all humility, says he is an *agnani*, seeking guidance, showing mankind the way to approach a guru. Rama further asks, "There is a churning of thoughts within me. What is the meaning of life? What is the use of a kingdom? My mind is like the embers within the bole of a tree. How can my mind find *santi*?" The answer lies in looking inwards, in self-realisation. Only then can one find *nirvriti*.

INBRIEF

Apple abused position in apps market, finds antitrust probe

A probe by India's antitrust body has found that Apple exploited its dominant position in the market for app stores on its iOS system, engaging "in abusive conduct and practices", a confidential report seen by Reuters showed. The CCI's investigations unit, in its 142-page report which is not public but seen by Reuters, said Apple wields "significant influence" over how digital products and services reach consumers, especially via its iOS platform and App Store.

HCL Tech's Q1 net profit rises 20.5% to ₹4,257 crore

HCL Technologies' first-quarter net profit rose 20.5% to ₹4,257 crore, from ₹3,534 crore a year earlier, while revenue from operations increased 6.69% to ₹28,057 crore. CEO C. Vijayakumar said the firm logged 5.6% revenue growth on constant currency basis. "We are confident of decent growth in the coming quarters, positioning us well to deliver our revenue guidance for the year as clients continue to spend on GenAI and other emerging technologies," he added.

NABARD unveils ₹750-cr. agri fund to promote innovation

NABARD has announced an agri fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises (Agri-SURE), with an initial corpus of ₹750 crore to be managed by its wholly owned subsidiary Nabventures. While the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development and the agriculture ministry are contributing ₹250 crore each, the rest ₹250 crore is from other institutions. The fund is structured to support about 85 start-ups with investment sizes of up to ₹25 crore each by end of its term.

GST system reforms panel rejigged

Reconstituted GoM is tasked with identifying possible sources of revenue evasion, improving coordination between central and State tax authorities, reviewing IT systems; move aimed at including new ministers from AP, Odisha and Chhattisgarh

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council has reconstituted a ministerial group tasked with identifying possible sources of revenue evasion, improving coordination between central and State GST authorities, and reviewing the IT systems in place for implementing the indirect tax.

These changes have been effected in order to bring in new ministers from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh where new governments have been installed in recent months, as well as to replace the representative from Haryana. The reconstitution of this key GST panel comes soon after the Council reformulated the ministerial group tasked with recommending a rationalisation of the GST rate structure and its tax rates. The panel, originally headed by former Karnataka CM Basavaraj Bommai, is now headed by Bihar Deputy CM Samrat Chaudhary.

Leadership change: The panel is now headed by Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary. NAGARA GOPAL

The Council, which met in late June after an almost nine-month hiatus, plans to take stock of the progress made by this GoM so far, and discuss the roadmap for the much-awaited GST rate restructuring exercise in its next meeting that is expected to be held in August.

Formed in late 2021 after the Council decided to dovetail two separate Groups of Ministers (GoMs) dealing with IT challenges and revenue mobilisation, the GoM on GST system reforms was rejigged for the fourth time on Thursday.

Odisha is now represented by deputy CM Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, following the Biju Janata Dal's defeat in recent Assembly polls. AP Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav replaces his predecessor Buggana Rajendranath, after the TDP's resounding victory in State polls.

Durables, power output surge lifts May IIP to 7-month high

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

With India in the grip of a heatwave in May, power generation hit a record high even as production of consumer durables such as air-conditioners and refrigerators jumped 12.3% to touch the second-highest level in at least 14 months, pushing industrial output growth to a seven-month high of 5.9% in May.

The two segments bolstered the recovery from a three-month low growth of 5% in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in April, even as manufacturing growth remained underwhelming at 4.6% and

half the use-based segments witnessed growth deceleration from April.

Generation of power jumped 13.7% in May compared with a 10.2% uptick a month earlier, and was 8.2% over the output recorded this April. Consumer durables grew 12.3%, from a 10% rise in April.

Consumer non-durables' output saw a minor 2.3% growth in May compared with a 2.5% contraction in April.

Within manufacturing, which constitutes 77.6% of the IIP, six of 23 sectors reported contractions, the same number as April. Food products (-5.5%), textiles (-0.7%), chemicals (-0.5%), rubber and plastic (-0.9%), and other manufacturing (-8.6%), were among the sectors that recorded a downturn.

The IIP growth will likely ease to a range of 4% to 5% in June based on trends in the available high frequency data, according to Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist at ICRA.

Auto sales rose 16.4% in Q1 to more than 64 lakh units: SIAM

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Total automobile sales during the first quarter of FY25 rose 16.4% to 64,01,006 units from 54,98,752 units in the year-earlier period, according to data released by Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) on Friday.

Passenger vehicle (PV) sales during the quarter grew 3% to 10,26,006 units year on year (YoY).

However, passenger cars, as a segment, degrew 17% to 3,41,293 units YoY.

The commercial vehicles (CV) segment reported a YoY growth of 3.5% at 2,24,209 units. Passenger cars, as a segment, grew 52.8% to 16,854 units.

Three-wheeler sales during the quarter grew 14.2% YoY to 1,65.,081 units, while two-wheeler sales saw a 20.4% YoY growth to 49,85,631 units.

"All segments posted growth in Q1 of FY25 over the Q1 of last year," SIAM President Vinod Aggarwal.

"While PV and CV segments have witnessed moderate growth, two-wheelers and three-wheelers have posted a very handsome growth in double digits," he added.

'Boost financing for green projects'

BUDGET IN FOCUS

Ajay Shankar

The Finance Minister's Budget speeches have been giving increasing emphasis to green growth. This has followed PM Modi's announcement at COP26 that India would have 500GW fossil fuel-free capacity by 2030 and become net zero by 2070.

Affirmation of the commitments in the Budget speech would send the right signals. For reaching net zero, the sooner the use of fossil fuels peak, plateau and then begin to dip, the lower would be the cost of getting to net zero for firms and the economy.

Investors need to appraise options through this prism for major investment decisions. This would prevent sub-optimal, lumpy, capital investments in fossil-fuel economy.

Renewable Energy (RE) capacities are being created by private investment with declining costs in a competitive industry structure. RE, combined with storage for round-the-clock supply, is now cheaper than new thermal power. Scaling up and achieving 500 GW of fossil fuel-free capacity by 2030 requires a huge increase in the capacities for which RE bids need to be invited.

This intention with numbers should be announced. RE now requires large-scale storage as its generation is intermittent and inflexible whereas the demand to be met is variable. An ambitious plan for creating storage by the invitation of bids should also be in the Budget Speech. This would get potential investors to prepare for the large storage market that would be created. Both river and off-river hydro pump storage are attractive options. The technology of concentrated solar thermal energy being stored in molten salt to run a conventional thermal turbine has also become mature and cost effective. These storage projects have a large capital cost, a very long life and nominal running costs.

Harnessing the sun: The production of solar panels with full value addition in India over the next five years is an achievable goal. AFP

Cheaper debt

The bid prices would be considerably lower if long-term rupee debt at fixed rates is made available to potential developers. The FM could announce this. Instruments such as government green bonds are already in place. Conceptually, government needs to assume some contingent liability for long-term fixed interest rate lending. India can become a global leader in large scale grid storage.

The ambition to become self-reliant should be a major theme of the Budget. The production of solar panels with full value addition in India over the next five years is an achievable goal. Our market size is large enough to support globally cost-competitive manufacturing with new, state-of-art production plants. The PLI (Production Linked Incentive) policy instrument should be crafted to get investors to put up plants with full value addition in India. A simple way of achieving this is for government to invite bids for procurement of solar panels with full value addition in India and for supplies to be for five years from a future date giving reasonable time for a new plant to be built.

With assured offtake at a price which gives returns, the investment would become risk free, resulting in a good investor response. This government procurement would not be in contravention of WTO commitments. Repeated bids should be used to create a competitive industry structure as has been done for development of grid scale solar projects and get lower prices through competition. There should, if required, be a willingness to initially pay somewhat higher prices compared with the price of panels imported from China.

The use of these government-procured panels can be made mandatory for the roof-top solar panel programme for one crore households announced early this year, using solar panels for pumping groundwater for irrigation, by the Railways, in government buildings, Defence establishments and campuses of government-financed institutions.

The Budget could also announce the goal of becoming self-reliant in the production of batteries for electric vehicles and the electronics that go into them over the next five years by extending and fine-tuning the PLI and FAME (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles) programmes.

Hydrogen Mission

The National Hydrogen Mission is positioning us well for the use of green hydrogen produced at a globally-competitive cost for downstream carbon-free production. This gives us an opportunity to leapfrog and become a competitive green manufacturing hub.

We need to welcome, rather than oppose as a new non-tariff barrier, the new European tax on import of goods depending on the carbon content of the entire value chain going into its production, the CBAM (Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism).

Firms, especially MSMEs, exporting to Europe would gain by government support in reducing carbon footprint. The easy part would be mandating real-time supply of carbon-free electricity, albeit at a higher price to industrial customers who demand such electricity.

A small firm could buy carbon-free electricity for production and EV charging stations could use such electricity making the logistics of supply-chain carbon-free.

For capital investments, a dedicated financing facility may be created.

Where necessary, government could provide credit guarantees and/or an interest subsidy. We can then hope for a surge in low-carbon goods exports.

(The writer is Distinguished Fellow, TERI)

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	80,519	0.78
US Dollar	83.51	0.02
Gold	75,350	0.33
Brent oil	85.83	0.56

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3065.45	-12.85
Adani Ports	1486.70	2.85
Apollo Hosp	6353.90	-35.15
Asian Paints	2999.15	-22.90
Axis Bank	1317.30	20.55
Bajaj Auto	9430.75	-36.05
Bajaj Finserv	1597.25	9.40
Bajaj Finance	7004.30	54.00
Bharti Airtel	1433.25	-4.70
BPCL	304.55	-2.05
Britannia Ind	5787.05	25.75
Cipla	1512.05	6.05
Coal India	496.20	-3.85
Divis Lab	4539.30	-43.20
Dr Reddys Lab	6719.45	124.70
Eicher Motors	4860.70	32.05
Grasim Ind	2843.75	42.15
HCL Tech	1560.20	48.30
HDFC Bank	1622.70	0.80
HDFC Life	635.55	1.30
Hero MotoCorp	5546.90	20.65
Hindalco	692.05	-4.25
Hind Unilever	2622.25	13.40
ICICI Bank	1232.90	-5.55
IndusInd Bank	1434.55	4.80
Infosys	1711.75	59.05
ITC	459.05	0.40
JSW Steel	934.40	9.40
Kotak Bank	1832.85	-11.65
L&T	3649.35	28.25
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5572.65	165.05
M&M	2703.95	5.90
Maurti Suzuki	12562.50	-152.70
NestleIndia	2609.00	15.80
NTPC	377.15	0.05
ONGC	307.10	2.35
PowerGrid Corp	343.10	0.30
Reliance Ind	3193.45	32.15
SBI Life	1562.85	4.05
State Bank	859.70	3.00
Shriram Finance Ltd.	2794.40	55.40
Sun Pharma	1577.30	-4.45
TataConsumerProduct	1152.25	20.85
Tata Motors	1016.75	-4.05
Tata Steel	168.69	-0.23
TCS	4183.95	260.25
Tech Mahindra	1505.05	44.45
Titan	3229.85	-18.75
UltraTech Cement	11602.30	47.35
Wipro	560.15	26.05

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 12

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.34	83.66
Euro	90.76	91.10
British Pound	108.00	108.42
Japanese Yen (100)	52.37	52.57
Chinese Yuan	11.49	11.54
Swiss Franc	93.01	93.36
Singapore Dollar	62.06	62.31
Canadian Dollar	61.19	61.43
Malaysian Ringitt	17.83	17.92
Australian Dollar	56.45	56.67

Source:Indian Bank

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : Re- e-Tender No.11-15 /2024- 25/SE/PHC/ALP/RC, **KIIFB** Alappuzha package 4,5,7,8,9, **EMD** : Rs. 5,00,000/-, **Tender fee :** Rs. 19,518/-, **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 29-07-2024, 02:00:pm, **Phone :** .0477-2237954
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Superintending Engineer,
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The Department of Health Services, Union Territory of Lakshadweep invites e-tender in two bid system from the Insurance Companies of India for implementing **"AB-PMJAY in Lakshadweep"**. The tender shall be of two bid system and the last date of submission shall be **on or before 5.00 PM on 2nd August 2024.** The details such as eligibility criteria and other terms and conditions etc. can be had from the website **www.tendersutl.gov.in**
Sd/ (DR. SHRIKANT R TAPDIYA)
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, U.T. OF LAKSHADWEEP

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
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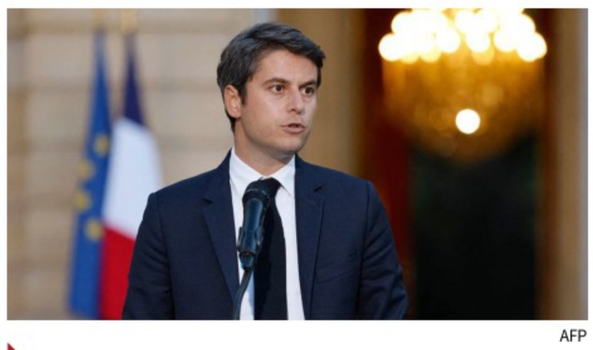
PARIS

Amid deadlock in parliament, PM vows to 'guard against' extremes



AFP

France's political parties scrambled Friday to break a parliamentary deadlock brought on by an inconclusive snap election, as the outgoing Prime Minister Gabriel Attal vowed that he would seek "to guard against any government" that included far-right National Rally (RN) or hard-left France Unbowed (LFI) ministers. AFP

KATHMANDU

63 missing after Nepal landslip sweeps two buses into a river

AFP

At least 63 people were missing in Nepal on Friday after a landslide triggered by heavy monsoon rains swept two buses off a highway and plunged them into Trishuli river, authorities said. Search and rescue personnel are combing the site for survivors of the accident along a remote stretch of road in the central district of Chitwan. AFP

TOKYO

Japan punishes defence officials for mishandling classified data

AP

Japan's Defence Ministry announced disciplinary action on Friday against more than 200 senior officials and service members over mishandling of classified materials and other misconduct. Defence Minister Minoru Kihara apologised, saying the problems were "significantly damaging to the public trust" for the Ministry. AP

MANILA

Philippines will 'stand our ground' in South China Sea dispute: official

AFP

The Philippines will "stand our ground" in a dispute with Beijing over the South China Sea, a top security official said on Friday. Tensions over the strategic waterway, a key passage for sea-borne trade, have soared in the past 18 months following a series of escalating confrontations between Philippine and Chinese ships. AFP

More Democrats call on Biden to quit race after his news conference

At least 17 congressional Democrats have called for Biden to drop out; at the conference, the President refers Kamala Harris as 'Vice President Trump', hours after introducing Ukrainian President Zelenskyy as 'President Putin' at the NATO summit

Reuters
WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden faced more calls from fellow Democrats to abandon his re-election bid on Friday, following a news conference in which he delivered nuanced responses but occasionally stumbled over his words.

It was unclear whether Mr. Biden's performance would convince doubters in his party that he is their best bet to defeat Republican Donald Trump in the November 5 election and serve another four-year term in the White House.

At least 17 congressional Democrats so far have called for him to drop out and allow the party to pick another standard-bearer, including some who announced their positions after the news conference on Thursday night.

Behind heavyweights: President Joe Biden speaks at a news conference following the NATO Summit in Washington. AP

Democrats are worried that Mr. Biden's low public approval ratings and growing concerns that he is too old for the job could cause them to lose seats in the House and Senate, leaving them with no grip on power in Washington should Mr. Trump win the White House. "If I show up at the convention and everybody says they want someone else, that's the democratic process," Mr. Biden said, before shifting to the stage whisper he often uses for emphasis to add, "It's not gonna happen."

Biden's gaffes

At one point, he referred to his Vice President, Kamala Harris, as "Vice President Trump". That came just hours after he introduced Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy as "President Putin" at the NATO summit, drawing gasps from those in the room.

Mr. Biden occasionally garbled his responses at the news conference, yet he also delivered detailed assessments of global issues, including Ukraine's war with Russia and the Israel-Gaza conflict.

Some Democrats were not reassured. "We must put forward the strongest candidate possible to confront the threat posed by Trump's promised MAGA authoritarianism. I no longer believe that is Joe Biden," said Representative Jim Himes of Connecticut, who called on the President to end his campaign after the news conference.

A senior campaign official who spoke on condition of anonymity called the performance the "worst of all worlds."

Oli set to return to power in Nepal as Maoist leader Prachanda weighs options

Sanjeev Satgainya
KATHMANDU

A political drama triggered 10 days ago by the Nepali Congress (NC) and the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist) capped off with the ouster of Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on Friday.

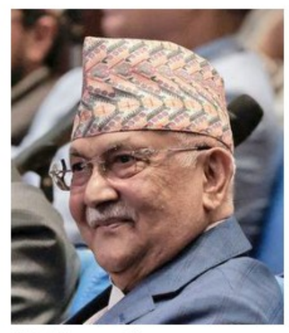
Prachanda, the chairman of the CPN (Maoist Centre), failed his vote of confidence, fifth in one and a half years since he was elected Prime Minister in December 2022, leading to the fall of his government.

As per a deal reached between the Nepali Congress and the CPN-UML, the two largest parties in Parliament with 88 and 78 seats, respectively, the UML's K.P. Sharma Oli is set to stake the claim to lead the government, according to their leaders.

Speaking in Parliament, Prachanda said he was betrayed [by Oli] and that he was well aware of who "brought" the NC and the UML together but stopped short of naming anyone. He also said the NC and the UML were making attempts to reverse the Constitution to 1990 and rob people of the achievements like inclusion and social justice. The Constitution promulgated in 1990 after the restoration of democracy maintained the constitutional monarchy.

"The Maoists have made the highest contribution to the current Constitution. So the Maoists will not let this Constitution weaken," said Prachanda.

As the NC and the UML signed a deal to form a new government, it was a foregone conclusion that Prachanda would lose the confidence vote. The two parties said they had to come together to form a new government so as to establish political stability, amend the Constitution, address the plight of the people and boost the economy.



K.P. Sharma Oli

According to the deal, Mr. Oli would govern for a year and a half and set the ground for constitutional amendments and then hand over power to NC's Sher Bahadur Deuba to oversee the 2027 elections.

There have been over a dozen governments since the country abolished the centuries-old monarchy and turned into a republic in 2008.

"Government change has been the only constant in Nepal, what's missing is governance," said Chandrakishore, a political commentator. "The new government inspires little hope when it comes to basic governance issues."

Ever since the Maoists laid down arms in 2006 after a decade-long war against the state, Prachanda, 69, has been at the centre of Nepal's politics. With the fall of his government, Prachanda, who was in his third stint as Prime Minister, has now been thrown into the Opposition after nine years.

Despite fighting the November 2022 general elections under an alliance with the NC, he joined hands with the UML to become Prime Minister in December of that year. But in February 2023, the UML withdrew support in protest of Prachanda's decision to support the NC's Ram Chandra Poudel for the post of President. A year later, Prachanda ditched the NC to join hands with the UML again.

"His ouster was just a matter of time," said Jhalak Subedi, a left-leaning commentator. "Prachanda may be down but not out, as there are questions galore over the longevity of the NC-UML alliance."

Oli's return to power

Two House dissolution moves had cost Mr. Oli his job in July 2022 after the Supreme Court ordered the appointment of Mr. Deuba as Prime Minister.

Mr. Oli had capitalised on India's reservations about the Constitution in 2015 and made nationalism his plank for the 2017 general elections. A merger decision between the UML and the Maoist Centre catapulted Mr. Oli into power as the leader of the largest party, controlling almost two-thirds majority in Parliament.

During his speech in Parliament, Prachanda made scathing remarks against Mr. Oli and warned the NC of a possible dissolution attempt, reminding Mr. Oli's two dissolutions in 2020 and 2021.

Independent govt. must run post-war Gaza, says Hamas

Agence France-Presse
GAZA CITY

Hamas is suggesting during ceasefire negotiations that an independent government of non-partisan figures run post-war Gaza and the Israeli-occupied West Bank, a member of the Palestinian Islamist movement's political bureau said on Friday.

"We proposed that a non-partisan national competency government run Gaza and West Bank post-war", Hossam Badran said.

Imran Khan's PTI party 'eligible' for reserved seats in Pak. parliament

Reuters
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Supreme Court ruled on Friday that jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan's party was eligible for over 20 extra reserved seats in the national legislature, ramping up pressure on the country's weak coalition government.

Mr. Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party candidates contested the February 8 election as independents after it was barred from the polls.

Historic victory: Supporters of Tehreek-e-Insaf party react after the Supreme Court verdict in Islamabad, Pakistan, on Friday. AP

They won the most seats but the election commission said independents were ineligible for the grant of 70 reserved seats, meant for political parties only.

The commission had ordered the reserved seats instead to be distributed among other parties, mostly to those in the ruling coalition.

"As a political party, the PTI is entitled to its reserved seats," said Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa, which was supported by eight judges and opposed by five of the 13-member full court bench.

The granting of 23 reserved seats does not affect the parliamentary majority of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's coalition government.

Sport

Sindhu, Prannoy get easy groups, while it could be tough going for Lakshya and Tanisha-Ashwini at the Paris Games

Good prospects: Given the draw, Sindhu has the chance to claim a third Olympics medal. GETTY IMAGES

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KUALA LUMPUR

P.V. Sindhu and H.S. Prannoy were on Friday handed easy groups for the Paris Games beginning on July 26.

Sindhu, who won silver at the Rio Games and followed that with a bronze in Tokyo Olympics, has been seeded 10th.

The World No. 13 has been drawn in Group M of the women's singles alongside Kristin Kuuba of Estonia (WR 75) and Maldives' Fathimath Nabaaha Abdul Razzaq (WR 111).

Sindhu could face China's sixth seed He Bing Jiao in the round of 16 and if she gets past Jiao, the Indian will likely face Olympic champion Chen Yu Fei of China in the quarterfinals.

In men's singles, Prannoy, who will be making his Olympic debut, has been seeded 13th and will have to play Vietnam's Le Duc Phat (WR 70) and Fabian Roth (WR 82) of Germany in Group K.

Lakshya Sen, ranked 19, has been drawn in Group L.

The unseeded Lakshya has third seed and World No. 3 Jonatan Christie of Indonesia in his group. They are joined by Guatemala's Kevin Cordon (WR 41) and Belgium's Julien Carragi (WR 52).

If both Prannoy and Lakshya top their group, they will meet each other in the round of 16.

World No. 19 Tanisha Crasto and Ashwini Ponnappa has been drawn in a difficult Group C in women's doubles.

The Indians have been clubbed alongside World No. 4 Nami Matsuyama and Chiharu Shida of Japan, Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist South Korea's Kim So Yeong and Kong Hee Yong (WR 7) and Australians Setyana Mapasa and Angela Yu (WR 27).

The star Indian men's pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty has been seeded third in men's doubles event.

However, the men's doubles draw for the Paris Olympics was postponed due to a Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS) hearing over the number of pairs in the draw.

Saudi Arabia to host first Esports Olympics in 2025: IOC

Reuters
LAUSANNE

Saudi Arabia will host the inaugural Olympics Esports Games in 2025, the International Olympic Committee announced on Friday.

The IOC said the partnership with the Saudi National Olympic Committee would be for 12 years. The announcement was made during the two-month Esports World Cup in Riyadh.

The decision will be ratified at the IOC session to be held on the eve of the Olympic Games in Paris, after which work will begin on selecting a host city.

IBSF under-17 and 21 Worlds from Aug. 23

SNOOKER

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

The IBSF World under-17 (boys) and under-21 (boys and girls) snooker championship will be held at the Karnataka State Billiards Association (KSBA) here from August 23 to 31.

Around 100 players from 25 countries are expected to compete in the tournament, it was announced here on Friday.

The KSBA last hosted the IBSF World boys' under-21 championship in 2000. The event was won by England's Luke Fisher.

The city also has fond memories of hosting the 1991 edition of the tournament. The event was won by a then teenaged Ronnie O'Sullivan, who would go on to become one of the greatest snooker players of all time.

Matches will be played on 10 tables at the KSBA here. Philanthropist and avid snooker player Daulat Chabria is the main sponsor.

"The International Billiards & Snooker Federation (IBSF) requested us to host the tournament. We were happy to accept," Billiards and Snooker Federation of India president S. Balasubramaniam said here on Friday.

India will receive six entries per category. This number could increase if there are drop outs from other nations, Balasubramaniam said.

IN ATTENDANCE

Rohit watches Alcaraz-Medvedev semifinal clash on Centre Court

AP

India skipper Rohit Sharma attended the Wimbledon semifinal clash between Carlos Alcaraz and Daniil Medvedev on Friday. "Welcome to Wimbledon, Rohit Sharma," said the official X handle of Wimbledon while sharing the picture of the Team India skipper. Dinesh Karthik and his wife Dipika Pallikal also attended the match.

DREAM RUN

Anderson signs off as the third highest wicket-taker in Tests

REUTERS

James Anderson bowed out of Tests with 704 wickets in 188 matches. Only spinners Muttiah Muralitharan (800) and Shane Warne (708) had more scalps. Anil Kumble (619), Stuart Broad (604), Glenn McGrath (563), Nathan Lyon (530), Courtney Walsh (519), R. Ashwin (516) and Dale Steyn (439) complete the top-10.

OVERWHELMED

I am just proud of what I have achieved, says Anderson

GETTY IMAGES

James Anderson said he felt "really proud" after bringing down the curtain on a remarkable Test career. "It's been quite an amazing week. I've been overwhelmed with the reaction of the crowd and everyone around the ground, and the lads as well. I'm just proud of what I've achieved," Anderson told Sky Sports.

HIGH PRAISE

'He has just been an incredible inspiration to so many people'

AP

England captain Ben Stokes hailed James Anderson. "He has just been an incredible inspiration to so many people... the amount of games and the amount of wickets he's taken are just absolutely phenomenal. Sometimes you can be lost for words but if you gave me 15 minutes I wouldn't be able to compliment him enough."

Alcaraz overcomes the initial jitters, powers past Medvedev

The Spaniard gets into the groove after suffering a reverse in a topsy-turvy first set while the Russian hurts his chances with some ill-advised approaches and rank-bad volleying; Djokovic sweeps past Musetti, makes it a repeat of last year's final

WIMBLEDON

N. Sudarshan
LONDON

Successful sporting careers depend on three things – talent, hard work and luck. That Carlos Alcaraz was talented was never in doubt. No one who doesn't work hard wins three Majors in a jiffy. And these last 10 days at Wimbledon have shown that he has some luck on his side too.

On Friday at the Centre Court, the 21-year-old first wobbled like he had all tournament, weathered a first-set storm from Daniil Medvedev before hitting a purple patch to win 6-7(1), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4. In a repeat of last year's final, the third seed will meet seven-time winner Novak Djokovic, who quelled Italian Lorenzo Musetti's challenge 6-4, 7-6(2), 6-4.

"I feel like I am not new anymore," defending champion Alcaraz said about being in the final. "I know how I'll feel before it and I will do the things I did last year. I hope it's going to be a good day for Spanish people."

That last sentence was in reference to Sunday's Euro final between Spain and England, and the Brits at the stadium duly rang in the boos. Alcaraz tried to over-explain but the truth was that he had already done enough to please the crowd with his tennis for a good part of the previous three hours.

Acing the challenge: Once he settled down, Alcaraz was on top of his game. GETTY IMAGES

The opening set was topsy-turvy, with Medvedev and Alcaraz breaking each other twice. The latter's penchant to play first-strike tennis did not always come off and his love affair with the drop shot had tragic endings. But what kept him in the set was his excellent return game as he blocked or sliced many a monstrous serve from Medvedev back.

The Russian hurt his chances with some ill-advised approaches and rank-bad volleying, often holding the racquet like an axe. He also got away with a mild reprimand, a warning for "unsportsmanlike conduct" for seemingly swearing at the lady chair umpire.

In the tie-break, however, Medvedev's level lifted. The serve placement was better and his shot-making smarter as he raced to a 6-1 lead. A 120mph rocket second serve sealed the set in his favour. In the second, Medvedev's serve swayed. From 76%, his first-serve percentage dropped to 56. At 2-1, Alcaraz made the play, reeling off three winners, two on the forehand and one on the backhand, to break Medvedev. It was one-set all not long after.

"I just tried different things," Alcaraz said. "Not to play long rallies, try drop shots and go often to the net. It was basically to try and not play his game."

The third set was its best representation. The service that had deserted him returned and the hyper-extended forehand – almost Federeresque in full flight – found the right corners. Alcaraz being Alcaraz didn't dilute his fondness for the theatre by continuing to drop shot but this time had a fair amount of success.

Shoelace volley

The duo traded early breaks in the fourth. Alcaraz, though, was unruffled. He broke Medvedev in the seventh game, and held to 5-3 with a shoelace volley that would have made the greatest grass-courters proud. Medvedev's shoulders dropped and he soon trudged off the court a deflated man.

THE RESULTS

Semifinals: Men: 3-Alcaraz (Esp) bt 5-Medvedev (Rus) 6-7(1), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
2-Djokovic (Srb) bt 25-Musetti (Ita) 6-4, 7-6(2), 6-4.

Krejcikova and Paolini vie for their maiden Venus Rosewater Dish

Up for it: Krejcikova or Paolini will become the eighth different singles champion at the All England Club in as many years. REUTERS

N. Sudarshan
LONDON

A fortnight ago, a Wimbledon women's singles final between Barbora Krejcikova and Jasmine Paolini would have been no tipster's recommendation. On Saturday, they will compete for their maiden Venus Rosewater Dish and become the eighth different singles champion at the All England Club in as many years.

Both women come into the summit clash on the back of tough three-set wins. While Krejcikova blunted the big-hitting Elena Rybakina's challenge 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, Paolini outlasted Donna Vekic 2-6, 6-4, 7-6(8) in an epic that lasted nearly three hours.

Krejcikova may have spent 44 minutes less on the court, but it was as difficult a win as Paolini's, for the Czech was also in the doubles draw until late on Wednesday, losing a three-set quarterfinal with partner Laura Siegemund.

But Krejcikova and Paolini will be sufficiently rested ahead of the weekend final and it may be tempting to pick the former as the favourite simply because she has Slam-winning experience (French Open 2021) and has tasted title success on Centre Court by securing the doubles trophies in 2018 and 2022. Krejcikova's all-round skills will also stand her in good stead.

Flavour of the season

Paolini, however, has been the flavour of the season, and has impressed with her boundless energy. She started the year with just four main draw match wins at the Majors – three of them at the French Open – but has now reached not one but two finals. If ever anyone needed an example of a sophomore act done well, Paolini's will qualify.

The 28-year-old Italian is also a smart operator on the court. She is fast across the turf, is blessed with explosive footwork and can both redirect pace and generate plenty of her own. She is gutsy and has a never-say-die attitude, facets that helped her immensely in the semifinal versus Vekic.

Krejcikova and Paolini have met once, way back in 2018 in the first-round qualifying at the Australian Open when neither player was fully formed. "It just shows it has been an unbelievable journey," Krejcikova told *Tennis Channel*. "We are the same age, grew up and played juniors together. So incredible to be playing in the Wimbledon final."

England wallops WI in Anderson's farewell

Unforgettable memory: Anderson walks through a guard of honour from both teams on his final Test appearance. GETTY IMAGES

WI IN ENGLAND

Associated Press
LONDON

It's 704 wickets and out for Jimmy Anderson.

The most prolific fast bowler in Test history bowed out of international cricket by helping England complete a win by an innings and 114 runs over the West Indies at Lord's on Friday.

The 41-year-old Anderson's 188th and last Test ended with him taking three for 32 in the West Indies' second innings as it was dismissed for 136 a little over an hour into the third day's play.

One of those wickets came on Friday, with Anderson enticing an edge behind off Joshua Da Silva with a delivery that seamed away. It was classic Anderson.

The scores:
West Indies 121 & 136 in 47 overs (Gudakesh Motie 31 n.o.; Anderson 3/32, Atkinson 5/61) lost to England 371.
Player-of-the-Match: Gus Atkinson.

Anderson's loyalty was to the science of fast bowling

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
CHENNAI

There was a moment inside Lord's hallowed dressing room on Friday. The West Indies had just capitulated and the Englishmen were victors by an innings and 114 runs in the first Test. Inside the change-room, James Anderson was having a chat with Nasser Hussain, who was holding the *Sky Sports* microphone.

Conversation over, and then Hussain, not the type to reveal a softer emotion, said a thank-you and did a half-lean from his chair for an awkward sideways hug, and there was a tremor in his voice.

The greatest athletes, while basking in all the adulation from their followers, always yearn for the respect of their peers.

This was Anderson's moment as Hussain was the great seamer's captain during his debut Test at Lord's in 2003. For 21 summers, the lad from Burnley, steamed in, momentum harnessed, action precise and delivered balls that tempted and deceived the greatest of batters. In the process, Anderson became a weather-beaten man and even if the pace dropped, he was always asking questions.

Staggering achievement

To play 188 Tests, finish third in the all-time wicket-taker's tally with 704 scalps and to still hold his place largely on merit and not on sentiment, speaks volumes about the skill-sets that Anderson possessed. His was a knife that sliced without a murmur while willow-wielders were not even aware of their death-rattle.

Anderson in tandem with Stuart Broad (604 Test wickets) was a great sight. Just like the West Indian Curtly Ambrose-Courtney Walsh combine, Anderson and Broad aged together.

It is never easy being a fast bowler. Ankles, knees, back, shoulders and wrists all endure a steady pounding and the body's bio-mechanics suffer multiple stress points.

To bowl at the highest level till 41 while the comforts of an air-conditioned commentary box beckoned for the last few years, must have been tough.

The reality though is that Anderson had to be nudged to leave as in his mind he was still good enough to deliver in whites.

To be placed behind Muttiah Muralitharan (800 Test wickets) and Shane Warne (708), and to have shouldered England's pace bowling over two decades, is a staggering achievement.

Anderson competed hard and at times he could get abrasive, but his overall loyalty was to his Test cap and the science of fast bowling. Rival batters will heave a sigh of relief for the next time they see England in a Test, Anderson won't be there.

Making the ball talk: Anderson kept probing the batters, thanks to his mastery in swinging the red cherry. REUTERS

Anderson's Test journey

	M	Inns	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Avg	SR	5WI/10WM
Overall	188	350	704	7/42	11/71	26.45	56.8	32/3
Home	106	202	438	7/42	11/71	24.41	52.3	24/3
Away	76	136	244	6/40	8/161	30.66	64.8	8/0
Neutral	6	12	22	4/17	6/69	20.54	58.9	0/0

INBRIEF

Philipsen at the double on 13th stage sprint

Belgian Jasper Philipsen took his second win of this year's Tour de France on Friday as a group of riders came down hard in the dash to the line at Pau. Wout van Aert was second and Pascal Ackermann third, but Biniam Girmay kept the green sprint jersey and Tadej Pogacar stayed in the race leader's yellow after 13 stages.

Uruguay players defend decision to enter crowd

Uruguay striker Luis Suarez defended his teammates' decision to enter the stands and a brawl following a 1-0 loss to Colombia in the Copa America semifinals, saying the action was necessary to defend families and supporters. "Obviously when one has your woman, your little child, your father, elderly people you want to go and see if they're OK," Suarez said. "(They) were trapped and things were falling on them and you felt helpless," Suarez said.

LIVE TELECAST

TNPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & FanCode, 3.15 & 7.15 p.m.
Zimbabwe vs India: 4th T20I, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 4.30 p.m.
Wimbledon: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 p.m.
Cycling: Tour de France, Eurosport (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m.

Champions Way for feature event

BENGALURU: Champions Way, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the Racing Patrons Cup (1,200m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday (July 13). False rails (width about 6m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 WELCOME CUP (DIV. II), (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 1-30 p.m.: 1. Golden Light (2) Akshay K 56, 2. Roman Knight (5) Tousif 56, 3. Chotipari (1) Darshan 54.5, 4. Crimson Flame (8) S.J. Moulin 54.5, 5. Days Date (4) Salman Khan 54.5, 6. Desert Goddess (6) Sandesh 54.5, 7. Havaska (7) Antony 54.5 and 8. Queen Of Kings (3) Vinod Shinde 54.5.
1. DESERT GODDESS, 2. GOLDEN LIGHT, 3. CHOTIPARI

2 ICH DIEN STAKES (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 2-00: 1. Friya (3) Dhanu S 61, 2. Sunlit Path (7) C. Hemanth 60.5, 3. Tankinika (5) Vivek 60, 4. Sling Shot (2) Indrajeet S 59, 5. Estefania (1) Antony 58.5, 6. Sacred Creator (8) Angad 58, 7. My Visionary (4) Arvind K 57.5, 8. Amazing Luck (9) Saddam H 56.5 and 9. Recreator (6) Shreyas S 56.5.
1. SUNLIT PATH, 2. MY VISIONARY, 3. ESTEFANIA

3 ICH DIEN STAKES (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 2-30: 1. Avicena (2) Antony 62.5, 2. Quick Witted (6) Sandesh 62.5, 3. Sea Jack (10) Saddam H 62.5, 4. Fire Within (4) Indrajeet S 62, 5. Tropical Mist (9) J. Chinoy 62, 6. Walvis Bay (5) Chethan K 62, 7. Super Sapphire (3) Suraj 61, 8. Lady Godiva (8) Arvind K 60.5, 9. Ice Storm (1) Kiran Rai 59.5 and 10. Striking Eyes (7) P. Siddaraju 58.
1. SUPER SAPPHIRE, 2. AVICENA, 3. LADY GODIVA

4 NEWMARKET STAKES (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 5-y-o & over, 3-00: 1. Benzema (1) Rayan 62.5, 2. Mega Success (–) (–) 61, 3. Southern Warrior (8) Salman Khan 60.5, 4. Pettes Love (6) Sandesh 58, 5. Emeraldo (3) Antony 57.5, 6. Quevega (10) Angad 57.5, 7. Burning Arrow (5) Kiran Rai 56.5, 8. Meghann (11) Sai Kiran 56.5, 9. Akasi (9) Arvind K 56, 10. Air Blast (2) Darshan 55.5, 11. Infinite Spirit (4) P. Siddaraju 54.5 and 12. Sea Kalakar (7) P. Sai Kumar 52.5.
1. EMERALDO, 2. PETTES LOVE, 3. AKASI

5 KUNIGAL STUD STAKES (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 3-30: 1. English Bay (2) Tousif 62, 2. Aherne (7) Antony 60.5, 3. Golden Time (3) Vivek 57.5, 4. Tignanello (4) B.R. Kumar 56.5, 5. Southern Force (5) Akshay K 53.5, 6. The Perfect Choice (6) Sai Kiran 53.5, 7. Sekhmet (8) Saddam H 52 and 8. Memorable Time (1) G. Vivek 51.5.
1. TIGNANELLO, 2. THE PERFECT CHOICE, 3. AHERNE

6 RACING PATRONS CUP (1,200m), rated 80 & above, 4-00: 1. O Hansini (7) Akshay K 60.5, 2. Dun It Again (4) Dhanu S 57, 3. Champions Way (6) Suraj 56, 4. Shubankar (2) Darshan 54, 5. Isnt She Beautiful (3) Sandesh 53.5, 6. Yukan (5) Trevor 53.5, 7. Aldgate (8) G. Vivek 51.5 and 8. Slainte (1) Neeraj 51.5.1.
1. CHAMPIONS WAY, 2. ALDGATE, 3. O HANSINI

7 WELCOME CUP (DIV. I), (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-30: 1. Adelanto (2) Arvind K 56, 2. Amusing (4) Arshad 56, 3. Complete Package (3) Antony 56, 4. Don Carlos (8) Trevor 56, 5. Feeling Good (7) G. Vivek 56, 6. Noble Cause (6) Sai Kiran 56, 7. Puranjaya (1) J. Chinoy 56, 8. Stentorian (5) M. Prabhakaran 56 and 9. Supercharge (9) Darshan 56.
1. DON CARLOS, 2. PURANJAYA, 3. COMPLETE PACKAGE

8 MAY DAY STAKES (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-00: 1. Breeze Bluster (8) Shreyas S 62.5, 2. Victoria Doresaani (4) L.A. Rozario 62.5, 3. Anadale (3) Arvind K 61, 4. Del Aviz (9) Trevor 59.5, 5. The Grey Geranium (1) Vivek 59, 6. Turkoman (5) Arshad 59, 7. Norwegian Wood (2) Antony 58.5, 8. Golden Legend (7) G. Vivek 58 and 9. Bleue Dali (6) B. Nayak 54.
1. DEL AVIZ, 2. GOLDEN LEGEND, 3. VICTORIA DORESAANI

9 QUASAR STAKES (1,400m), rates 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 5-30: 1. August (10) Antony 61, 2. Southern Power (3) Arshad 60.5, 3. Treasure Chest (9) B. Nayak 60, 4. Sassy (7) Shreyas S 59, 5. Super Marvella (4) Sandesh 59, 6. Asagiri (12) M. Chandrashekar 57.5 7. Grizzly (6) Sai Kiran 57, 8. My Vision (11) Arvind K 56, 9. Vyasa (5) Akshay K 55, 10. Regal Aristocracy (8) S.J. Moulin 54, 11. Schafenberg (2) Saddam H 53.5 and 12. Phoenix Surprise (1) P. Sai Kumar 52.5.
1. AUGUST, 2. VYASA, 3. SUPER MARVELLA

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Zimbabwe will try to stay alive, India will go for the kill

After an unexpected defeat in the first match, the Gill-led side rediscovered its mojo in the second and third games to take a 2-1 lead and will look to usher in a new era with a series win

INDIA IN ZIMBABWE

Press Trust of India
HARARE

Back to their collective best, a clutch of young Indian stars will be eager to usher in a new era in the shortest format with a series victory when they face Zimbabwe in the fourth T20I here on Saturday.

After an unexpected defeat in the first match, the Shubman Gill-led side rediscovered its mojo in the second and third games to take a 2-1 lead.

A series win over Zimbabwe will certainly spark ambitions inside some young players who are keen to take the team forward post the retirement of some modern-day greats.

None provide more compelling cases of that scenario than Washington Sundar and Abhishek Sharma.

Whenever the selectors sit together to pick the Indian squad for the upcoming white-ball tour to Sri Lanka, they now will have to consider Washington's name seriously.

Abhishek bludgeoned a 47-ball hundred in the second T20I, underscoring the hope around him as a long-term India material.

Abhishek will hope to further buttress his claim for the other vacant top-order spot, for which there are other strong contenders in Gill and Ruturaj Gaikwad, with a bruising knock against the African side.

The remaining two matches of this series will also be an opportunity for Shivam Dube and Sanju Samson to keep themselves in the front row of players who will carry India into the future, producing some valuable efforts.

Indian management will also be pleased by the outing of their bowlers, particularly that of leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi.

On other hand, Zimbabwe has slipped a few rungs below after beating India in the first match. There have been lonely sparks in its line-up like searing spells by impressive pacer Blessing Muzarabani and a well-paced fifty by Dion Myers. But it needs to harness them to meaningfully challenge this Indian unit, which is currently operating at one level higher.

Reliable: Washington and Bishnoi have been in good form for Gill's side. AFP

The teams (from):
India: Shubman Gill (Capt.), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Abhishek Sharma, Rinku Singh, Sanju Samson (wk), Dhruv Jurel (wk), Shivam Dube, Riyan Parag, Washington Sundar, Ravi Bishnoi, Avesh Khan, Khaleel Ahmed, Mukesh Kumar, and Tushar Deshpande.
Zimbabwe: Sikandar Raza (Capt.), Akram Faraz, Bennett Brian, Campbell Johnathan, Chatara Tendai, Jongwe Luke, Kaia Innocent, Madande Clive, Madhevere Wessly, Marumani Tadiwanashe, Masakadza Wellington, Mavuta Brandon, Muzarabani Blessing, Myers Dion, Naqvi Antum, Ngarava Richard, Shumba Milton.
Match starts at 4.30 p.m.

It's surreal to return to team, says Myers

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HARARE

Dion Myers announced his return to cricket after a three-year hiatus with an energetic fifty against India in the third T20I and the Zimbabwe middle-order batter termed the innings "surreal."

Myers, who took a break from the game in 2021 to pursue a university degree in England, stroked his way to a 49-ball 66 albeit in a losing cause. India leads the five-match T20I series 2-1.

Before the ongoing series against India, Myers' previous appearance for Zimbabwe was against Ireland in September 2021.

"It's surreal (to return to team). It's something that you dream about as a young boy. I really thank my team-mates and my family for the support. Times were tough in the past few years, but I managed to find a way, so very proud of it," Myers said in a press meet.

"Being back in the team... it's such a nice vibe. So, I expect a lot more from this team going forward and very excited for the future," he added.

The time away from cricket, Myers said, was a "blessing in disguise for him." "It just helps sometimes when you're out of the system or set-up to be able to look from a panoramic view and see what you can achieve or what you can do better to give to the team."

However, getting back to cricket was not an easy process for the 21-year-old. He got out for a duck in the second T20I before Indian opener Abhishek Sharma whacked him for 28 runs in an over.

Myers said he managed to keep his confidence going despite that below-par outing.

Showing his mettle: Myers, back in the mix after a three-year break, made a half-century against India in the third T20I. AFP

Kapil makes a fervent appeal to help Aunshuman Gaekwad

Vijay Lokapally
NEW DELHI

Kapil Dev is happy India won its fourth World Cup title after 1983, 2007 and 2011. "It is great to see the players capitalising on the support from the Board. Indian cricket is in a very healthy state," said the World Cup-winning skipper.

But Kapil is also in distress at the state of former India opener and coach Aunshuman Gaekwad, who is battling blood cancer and struggling to meet the medical expenses.

"It is a sad state of affairs. Very depressing," said Kapil when we reached out to know what Gaekwad's contemporaries are doing to help him.

Hopeful: Kapil is optimistic fans will heed his call. FILE PHOTO

"I am in pain because I have played alongside Aunshu and can't bear to see him in this state. No one should suffer. I know the Board will take care of him" Kapil told *Sportstar*.

Kapil, Mohinder Amarnath, Sunil Gavaskar, Sandeep Patil, Dilip Vengsarkar, Madan Lal Ravi Shastri and Kirti Azad are actively contacting friends and corporates to support Gaekwad in his difficult times.

"We are not compelling anyone. Any help for Aunshu will have to come from your heart. He took blows on his face and chest when standing up to some of the ferocious fast bowlers. Now is the time for us to stand up for him. I am sure our cricket fans will not fail him. They should pray for his recovery," an emotional Kapil stressed.

How best to tackle such medical contingencies? Kapil was candid: "Unfortunately, we don't have a system. In our time, the Board did not have the money. Today, it has and should take care of the senior players from the past," stated Kapil.

Forming a trust

Kapil agreed with the suggestion that fans and former players should contribute handsomely. "But where do they send their contributions? If a trust is formed they can put their money there. But we don't have a system. There should be a trust. I think BCCI can do that. They do look after the players, former and present."

Gaekwad had travelled to London and returned a month ago to continue the treatment in Vadodara. He is all set to get a commitment package from the 1983 World Cup-winning team. "We are ready to contribute by donating our pension amount if the family allows us to," Kapil added.

The Board should form a three-member committee of eminent cricketers to handle medical cases for former players and decide who deserves financial help. The former India captain had a point. "Cricketers from my generation and the previous one did not make enough money from playing cricket. Many of them have lived and died in poverty. We must care for them when dealing with medical treatment. If we don't look after our parents, who would?, he asked.

The 71-year-old Gaekwad played 40 Tests and 205 First Class matches in a career spanning 22 years. He later took over as coach of the Indian team. His glorious moments came at Sharjah in 1998 and Ferozeshah Kotla when Anil Kumble took all ten wickets in an innings against Pakistan in 1999.

Mukund exits in the last eight at Tianjin

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Bai Yan of China beat S Mukund 7-5, 6-4 in the quarterfinals of the $25,000 ITF men's tennis tournament in Tianjin, China, on Friday.

In the €148,625 Challenger in Braunschweig, Germany, Sriram Balaji was in the doubles semifinals with Gonzalo Escobar of Ecuador.

The results:
€148,625 Challenger, Braunschweig, Germany: Doubles (quarterfinals): Sriram Balaji & Gonzalo Escobar (Ecu) bt Marcel Demoliner (Bra) & Guillermo Duran (Arg) 6-4, 6-2.
€120,950 Challenger, Iasi, Romania: Doubles (quarterfinals): Cezar Cretu & Bogdan Pavel (Rou) bt Anirudh Chandrasekar & Arjun Kadhe 7-6(6), 4-6, [10-2].
€120,950 Challenger, Trieste, Italy: Doubles (semifinals): Daniel Dutra Da Silva (Bra) & Courtney Lock (Zim) bt Rithvik Bollipalli & Niki Poonacha 6-4, 3-6, [10-5].
$25,000 ITF men, Tianjin, China: Singles (quarterfinals): Bai Yan (Chn) bt S Mukund 7-5, 6-4.
$15,000 ITF men, Nakhon Si Thammarat: Doubles (quarterfinals): Adil Kalyanpur & Vishnu Vardhan bt Mitsuki Leong (Mas) & Stefanos Sakellaridis (Gre) 6-4, 6-4.
$40,000 ITF women, Corroios-Seixal, Portugal: Doubles (quarterfinals): Matilde Jorge (Por) & Elena Micic (Aus) bt Riya Bhatia & Chiara Girelli (Ita) 6-2, 6-2.
$25,000 ITF women, Aschaffenburg, Germany: Doubles (quarterfinals): Sapfo Sakellaridi (Gre) & Marie Vogt (Ger) bt Stefania Bojica (Rou) & Zeel Desai 6-2, 6-3.
$15,000 ITF women, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand: Doubles (quarterfinals): Monique Barry (Nzl) & Alicia Sith (Aus) bt Humera Baharmus & Akanksha NItture 6-1, 6-3.
Pre-quarterfinals: Humera & Akanksha bt Laquisa Khan (Aus) & Sofia Nagornaia (Isr) 3-6, 6-3, [10-4].
$15,000 ITF women, Lakewood, USA: Doubles (quarterfinals): Amelia Honer (USA) & Teja Tirunelveli bt Jane Dunyon & Marika Jones (USA) 6-2, 6-3.

Spain is lighting up the tournament with much-needed thrills

UEFA EURO2024 GERMANY

Agence France-Presse
BERLIN

England and Spain face off in Sunday's Euro 2024 final after taking very different routes to Berlin in a tournament that has at times lacked for thrills.

Spain has been a class apart despite a devilishly difficult draw that has seen it beat 2022 World Cup semifinalists Croatia, holder Italy, host Germany and the pre-tournament favourite France.

By contrast, England has stumbled its way into a first ever final on foreign soil thanks to a series of late goals to paper over the cracks despite the wealth of talent available to manager Gareth Southgate.

Pure joy: Spain's sublime football has warmed the cockles of the heart of football lovers. AFP

Yet Southgate was far from the only coach who stood accused of failing to maximise bountiful resources by deploying overly-cautious tactics.

France advanced to the semifinals without one of its players scoring a single goal from open play.

Despite that, coach Didier Deschamps was defiant when questioned by a Swedish journalist over the lack of entertainment offered by his side.

"If you are bored you can watch something else. It's ok. You are not obliged," the French boss hit back when criticised over his side's lack of goals.

Bucking the trend has been Spain's new generation, looking to follow in the steps of the all-conquering side that won three consecutive major tournaments between 2008 and 2012.

Drawn into the toughest group, Luis de la Fuente's men shone from the start, scoring three times in the opening half in a 3-0 win over Croatia.

A 1-0 victory over Italy did little justice for the scale of Spanish domination in Gelsenkirchen.

Spain ended German dreams in Stuttgart with its own piece of late drama as Mikel Merino's header edged the highest quality game of the tournament 2-1.

Lamine Yamal's stunning strike to become the youngest ever Euros goalscorer lit up the 2-1 semifinal win over France.

"They've been the best team," added Southgate, on the challenge of facing Spain. "We'll have to get the ball off them first."

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF TELANGANA LIMITED

NOTIFICATION

Stage-I In-principle approval accorded for diversion of 1.9716 Ha forest land in SRINAGAR RF, SHAMSHABAD DIVISION, HYDERABAD for laying of 132KV DC/SC Overhead line from 220/132KV Fabcity Substation to proposed 132/33KV Kandukur Substation, in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction, Metro-East, TGTRANSCO, Hyderabad vide references hereunder.
1. GoI, MoEF& CC, IRO, Hyderabad. F.No. 4-TSB 308/2022-HYD, Dt: 02.02.2024.
2. Prl.CCF.(HoFF). TS. Hyd. Rc.No.FC4/FC26/25/2022, Dt: 14.02.2024.
For further details and other conditions please visit forest **website www.parivesh.nic.in Portal.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer/Construction Metro-East, TGTRANSCO Hyderabad.

DIPR R.O. No. : 176-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25

K.K.R.T.C CE DIVISION BALLARI

No.KKRTC/EE/CEB/DB/377/2024-25 Dated: 10-07-2024

CORRIGENDUM - 1

E-Procurement Short Term Tender Announcement No. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23/2024-25 Tender through e-procurement for works was invited in "The Hindu" daily newspaper on date: 14-06-2024. But the said works have been stopped temporarily. More information KPP Portal Helpline 080-25501216/ 25501227 or 08392-294828/ 9972039797.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
K.K.R.T.C. CE Division, Ballari.

DIPR/Ballari/231/KSMCA/2024-25

RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, KARNATAKA

4th 'T' Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru – 560 041,
Ph No.080-26961928 Fax-080-26961929

No:RGU/PROC/Manpower/111/2023-24 Date: 12.07.2024

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (RFP)

The Registrar Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences invites tender for Providing Manpower Service to RGUHS. More details on the services are provided in the attached Terms of Reference. **(Tender Reference Number: RGUHSK/2024-25/SE0010)**

Tender document available for downloaded	**12/07/2024**
Last date and time for Tender Queries/ Clarification	**25/07/2024 17:30 Hrs**
Pre Bid meeting	**26/07/2024 11:30 Hrs**
Last date & time for receipt of Tenders	**13/08/2024 17:30 Hrs**
Date & time for Opening of Technical Bid	**15/08/2024 11:30 Hrs**
Date & time for Opening of Financial Bid	**17/08/2024 11:30 Hrs**

More details can be fetched from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
REGISTRAR

DIPR/Spectrum/903/2024-25

DISTRICT SURVEILLANCE UNIT
DISTRICT HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
CHAMARAJANAGAR

B. Rachaiah Double Road, Behind District Hospital, Chamarajanagar - 571313
Phone : 08226-226561, E-mail : dsuch_nagar@yahoo.co.in

No : DHS/NHM/HWC/CHN/E-proc/01/2024-25 Date : 09-07-2024

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

This is to notify that Tender has been invited to procure supply of chemicals, screening kits and consumable to various Health Institution which come under Chamarajanagar District. Tender has been invited through E-Procurement portal NO.DHS/NHM/HWC/CHN/ E-proc/01/2024-25 Dated 10/07/2024. Bid document submission date from 10/07/2024 to 12/08/2024, Prebid meeting is on 24/07/2024. Bid opening date on 14/08/2024. Tender documents records is available in E-Procurement portal **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** interested bidders can register in E-Procurement portal with in 12/08/2024. Contact office for more information and details .

Tender amount : 1,10,01,000/-

Sd/-
District Surveillance Officer,
Chamarajanagara Dist.
Chamarajanagar.

DIPR: CHANAGAR:88:2024-25

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
(District Urban Development Cell),
Room No: 123 Dist Administrative Buld.
Gadag- 582101 Telephone No : 08372-231877(F),
Email : dudc_gdg@yahoo.co.in

No.DUDC/DVP/SBM-2.O/CR-18/2023-24 DATED: 11-07-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Project Director, District Urban Development Cell, Gadag District, Gadag invites tenders in two cover system using KW Documents from elegible Bidder for Selection of agency for undertaking biomining, bio-remediation, processing, disposal of legacy waste and reclamation of land in Gadag-Betageri CMC, Naragund TMC and Gajendragad TMC of Gadag district as per Central Pollution Board Guidelines and NGT directions under the Swacha Bharat Mission-2.O Scheme. Estimated tender amount Rs. **890.59** lakhs. Indent No. **DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT6824/ CALL-2** The Bidder can download and submit the tenders through KPP Portal at **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Last Date for uploading of completed tender documents Date : **09-08-2024** upto 17.30 hrs and Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) Date : **12-08-2024** upto 11.00 hrs. Postponement of calendar of events (if any Corrigendum/Addendums) is only through KPP Portal and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/- Project Director,
District Urban Development Cell, Gadag

DIPR/GADAG/KSMCA/89/2024-25

Government of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTORATE OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION
9th and 10th Floor, V.V Towers, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-01, Karnataka

EOI NOTIFICATION NO: 1436047/DMA/TECH/MISC/78/2024 Date: 12/07/2024

EOI NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Director, Directorate of Municipal Administration, Karnataka, The Superintending Engineer, Directorate of Municipal Administration, invites EOI for the following work.

1. Description of work: Invitation for Expression of Interest for Quotation rates (includes transportation, all taxes and GST), Detailed specifications to Supply, Erecting, Installation, commissioning of Automated Gas and Electrical furnace with emission treatment system in 10 City Corporation's (excluding BBMP) and 24 City Municipal Council's (CMC's) in Karnataka.

Calendar of Events: Last Date for receipt of EoI Proposals: **18.07.2024.**

Note: For any additional information and clarifications, may be contact Superintending Engineer, 10th floor DMA, V.V Towers, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi Bangalore-01 during the office hours. Contact Number: 080-22861611, E-mail address: sedmatech@gmail.com

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer,
Directorate of Municipal Administration,
Bangalore

DIPR/CP/920/Zen/2024-25

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Project (South) Division, Jayanagara 2nd Block, Bengaluru-560 011.

No: EEP(S)/e-portal/kppp/17/Call-3 /2023-24 Date: 12.07.2024

TENDER CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION

Sub: This office KPPP e-Portal Tender Notification Tender Schedule Dates Corrigendum Reg.

Ref: This Office Tender Corrigendum Notification No: EEP(S)/ e-Portal/KPPP/17/Call-3/23-24, dtd. 14.06.2024.

With reference to the Tender Notification invited on 14.06.2024 through KPPP e-Portal Tender No.: EEP(S)/e-Portal/ KPPP/17/Call-3/2023-24. The scheduled dates has been postponed due to technical reasons.

The Calendar of Events as follows: 1) Last date & time for receipt of Tenders: **29-07-2024 upto 4.00 p.m.** instead of 13.07.2024 upto 4.00 p.m. 2) Opening of Technical bid: **30-07-2024 at 4.30 p.m.** instead of 15-07-2024 at 4.30 p.m.

Other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project (South), BBMP

Can Fin Homes Ltd

(Sponsor: CANARA BANK) HOME LOANS • DEPOSITS

Address:No.16, I Floor, Sita Vilas Road, Near Marilmallappa School, Mysore-570024
CIN –L85110KA1987PLC008699
Email:mysore@canfinhomes.com
Telephone: PH: 0821-2429699, 7625079114

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[proviso to rule 9(1)]

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. Mysore Branch, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **01.08.2024**, for recovery of **Rs.25,02,417/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventeen Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Smt. Hemavathi G and Sri. Shivakumar M V (Borrowers) and Smt. Shanthamma (Guarantors), as on 12.07.2023** together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs.19,50,000/-** (Rupee Ninteen Lakh Fifty Thousand only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.1,95,000/-** (Rupees One Lakh Ninety Five Thousand only).

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Property No.63, situated at 1st Cross, Giriyabovipalya, Nazarbad Mohalla, Mysore-570010, Measuring North to South 30.00 feet, East to West (31.6+20)/2 Feet. Bounded by:-North – Site No.62, South – Site No.64, East – Road, West – Kere Angala.

Known encumbrances : NIL

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx).

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

Date: 12.07.2024
Place : Mysore

An Autonomous Institute of Government of Karnataka
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE, BENGALURU
Telephone: +91-8431186388, E-mail: sabvmcri@gmail.com

No:SABVMCRI/E-TENDER/BMW/23/2023-24/Call-2 Dated: 12-07-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sealed short term e-tenders are invited by interested eligible firms in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for **Bio Medical Waste Management for Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital coming under Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College & Research Institute, Bengaluru.**

Tenders may be submitted after viewing details regarding tender form, EMD and Terms & Conditions etc. at Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** & DD for **Rs. 5,000/-** towards tender processing fee (Non-refundable) shall be submitted in favour of **The Director Cum Dean, SABVMCRI, Bengaluru** and acknowledgment thereof shall be enclosed along with e-tender. Interested tenderers should register in e-Procurement Portal. Details required for registration may be viewed at website. For further details please contact e-mail: **sabvmcri@gmail.com** and Phone No: **+91 8431186388.**

1) Date of Downloading Tender Documents is **from 15-07-2024. 2)** Last Date for Queries: **20-07-2024 upto 4.00 PM. 3)** Last Date and Time for Uploading of Tenders: **29-07-2024 upto 4.00 PM. 4)** Date of Opening Technical Bids (Single Cover): **31-07-2024 at 10.30 AM. 6)** Date of Opening Financial Bids (Two Cover): **01-08-2024 at 11.30 AM.**

In case, if any further details are required in this regard, please contact the Director Cum Dean / Assistant Administrator of this institute during working days.

Sd/- Director Cum Dean
SABVMCRI, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/908/Adverto/2024-25

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Zilla Panchayath Ramanagara, Office of the Joint Director, 2nd Floor, Panchayath Bhavana, B.M. Raod, Ramanagara
Dist - 562159, Ph : 080-2727 3003 E-mail : dswormgm12@gmail.com
Website : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

NO. : JD/SWD/R/CR-03/RS/(FOOD MATERIAL TENDER)/2024-25
Date : 08-07-2024

E-TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

For the Year 2024-25 **Department of Social Welfare / Tribal Welfare / Backward Classes Welfare Department** running Under working **Kreis Residential Schools in Ramanagara District.** for this Schools inviting tender for supplying of food materials under **A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H Group through E-procurement Portal** registered tenderers may download the application form and other details from government **Website : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and relevant documents and **EMD amount may upload with in stipulated date : 08-07-2024** and also Tenderers also obtained details from this office indent no is below

Taluk Wise Indent Number

Taluk : 1) Ramanagara, Indent No. : SWD/2024-25/IND0255, 2) Channapattana, Indent No. : SWD/2024-25/IND0257, 3), Indent No. : Kanakapura, Indent No. : SWD/2024-25/IND0254, 4) Magadi, Indent No. : SWD/2024-25/IND0256.

1 Tender Notification and Date : JD/SWD/R/CR-3/R-SCHOOL/ FOOD/TENDER/2024-25, Date : 08-07-2024, 2) Estimated amount for tender : Taluk : 1) Ramanagara, Tender Bid Amount (Rs. In Lakhs) : 263.00, 2) Channapatana, Tender Bid Amount (Rs. In Lakhs) : 175.00, 3) Kanakapura, Tender Bid Amount (Rs. In Lakhs) : 350.00, 4) Magadi Tender Bid Amount (Rs. In Lakhs) : 219.00, 3) Date of commencement of Tender Form uploading through e-portal Date : 08-07-2024, 4) Pre-Bid Meeting Date : 02-08-2024 at 11.00 a.m., 5) Last Date and Time of Tender Submitting through E-portal : 16-08-2024 at 5.00 p.m., 6) Sample Submit Date : 12-08-2024 at 11.00 a.m., to 5.30 p.m., 7) Date and Time of Opening of Technical envelopes of e-portal Date : 19-08-2024 at 11.00 a.m., 8) Date and Time of Opening of Financial envelopes of E-Protal Date : 23-08-2024 at 11.00 a.m., 9) E.M.D. Amount : 1) Ramanagara : 3.95 Lakhs, 2) Channapatna : 2.62 Lakhs, 3) Kanakapura : 5.25 Lakhs, 4) Magadi : 3.28 Lakhs, Total : 15.10, 10) For more Information Contact the Office Address, Contact Phone Number : Office of the Joint Director, Social Welfare Department, 2nd Floor, Zillapanchayath Bhavana, B. M. Road, Ramanagara Dist - 562159, E-mail : dswormgm12@gmail.com, Website : www.kppp.karnataka. gov.in Phone : 080 -94808 43043.

Sd/- Joint Director,
Social Welfare Office,
Ramanagara Dist.

DIPR/Ramanagar/161/Manipal/2024-25

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Certificate (s) for **350 shares** bearing **Equity Certificate. Nos. 357700, 452945 & 1366797 and distinctive Nos. 577768745-577768844, 619330710-619330809 & 1397162370-1397162519 under the folio no 08445664** of **Larsen & Toubro Ltd** standing in the name of **Mr Nitin Kapur** has/have been lost or mislaid and the undersigned has/have applied to the company to issue duplicate Certificate(s) for the said shares. Any person who has any claim in respect of the said shares should write to our Registrar, **KFin Technologies Limited. Selenium Tower B, Plot 31-32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Hyderabad-500032 within one month from this date else the company will proceed to issue duplicate Certificate(s).**

Sd/-
Anju Kapur
W/o. kamal Kumar Kapur
#45 Vittal Mallya Road
Bangalore 560001

IN THE COURT OF THE VII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-19)
O.S. No. 1461/2020

BETWEEN: M/S. AVINASHI ADS, Out Door Advertising, Having its Office at No. 8A (42), 4th Floor, 2nd Main Road, Raghavendra Layout, Near RNS Motors, Yeshwanthapura, Bangalore-560022. Represented by its Proprietor **Smt. Ambjua A Talwar ...PLAINTIFF**

AND: TV-9 KARNATAKA PVT LTD & Others **...DEFENDANTS**

NOTICE/SUMMOUNS TO THE DEFENDANT No: 5,7,9,11 & 24

5) FOCUS TV KANNADA, Office at RMV 2nd Stage, Opposite Devasandra Bus Stop, New Bel Road, Bangalore - 560097. Represent by its Editor, **7) SAMAYA TV,** #10/A, 5th Floor, Chandrakirana Building, Kasturba Road, Bangalore - 560 001. Represent by its Editor, **9) JANASRI KANNADA NEWS CHANNEL,** Office at 351, 5th & 6th Floors, Salarpuria Tower-1, Hosur Road, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095. Represent by its Editor, **11) POWER TV,** C/O Powersmart Media Pvt Ltd, Embassy Point, 3rd Floor, Near DRDO Complex, Infantry Road, Bangalore - 560001. Represent by its Editor, **24. THE EDITOR,** Deccan Chronicle News Paper, Office at 5th Floor, BMTC Commercial Complex, 80 Feet Road, Koramangala, Bengaluru -560095.

Whereas, the above named plaintiff has filed the above suit for the relief of permanent injunction against the defendants restraining them, their agents, servants or any other person through them from giving any statements, telecasting, publishing or repeating malicious and defamatory articles against the plaintiff and other consequential relief's, which is pending before in the VII Additional City Civil & Session Judge, at Bangalore (CCH-19), you are all hereby warned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by an advocate duly instruction on **13-08-2024** at 11.00 AM. If you are fail to appear on the said date, the above case will be heard and decide in your absence as Ex-parte on merits.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Property at flyover across National Highway at the Intersection of NH-7 and Outer Ring Road(At Ch: 6.7 Km) Near Hebbal, and as two main flyovers and 5 numbers of loops (above and below flyover, Island parks and mini forest, as per sketch-F) Bangalore, East to West: Approximately measuring 954 meters i.e. from K.R. Puram side to Tumkur Road Side of the Hebbal flyover at the Junction of ORR and North to South: Approximately measuring 985 meters i.e. from Airport Road to Bangalore City of the Hebbal Flyover at the Junction of ORR, bounded on, **East by:** Bethel Church, **West by:** Hebbal Railway Station, **North by:** Storm Water drain, **South by:** Hebbal Police Station.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the above proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand the seal of the court on 11-07-2024.

By order of the court, Senior Sheristedar, City civil Court at Bangalore.

Advocate name & Address:
Sri A.V. NARASHIMA REDDY
No.121, 1st Floor, Amar Towers, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560065.
Mob:9480333221

IN THE COURT OF THE SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC, AT DEVANAHALLI
OS No. 977/2022

BETWEEN:
Mr. Mekapathi Abhinav Reddy
S/o Sri. M Rajagopal Reddy,
Aged about 41 years,
Resident of #66/2 & 66/3,
Siddapura Road, Nelluruhalli Village,
Opp Balaji Temple, Bengaluru East Taluk,
Bengaluru – 560066 .....*PLAINTIFF*

AND
Mrs. Shanaaz Hameed & Ors
.....*DEFENDANTS*

NOTICE/SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT NO.8,9,12 & 13

To,

D-8. Smt. R. Padmavati, Aged about 46 years D/o Late S. Rama Rao, R/at No. 103, 14th Main, 1st Block, Rajajinagara, Bengaluru – 560010

D-9. Smt. R. Saveethree, Aged about 42 years, D/o Late S. Rama Rao, R/at No. 84, 11th Main, 14th Cross, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru – 560096

D-12. Sri. V.S.K. Prasad S/o Late K.S Venkatesha, Aged about 48 years Residing at No. 28, Vaishnavi Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore – 560 097.

D-13. Sri. V.K Vyasaraj S/o Late K.S Venkatesha, Aged about 45 years Residing at No. 28, Vaishnavi Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore – 560 097

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has instituted a Suit against you in O.S.No. 977/2022, pending before the Hon'ble Principal Senior Civil Judge and JMFC, At Devanahalli, seeking for the relief of Declaration, mandatory injunction, permanent injunction and other consequential reliefs against the above named you and other Defendants in respect of the Schedule Property described hereunder.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court on the 3rd day of August, 2024 at 11AM in person or through advocate/pleader to answer questions to the claim and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your evidence. Falling which the petition will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land in Sy. No. 158/P12 New No.158 of Kuduregere Village, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring to an extent 3A-00G and bounded as follows -

East by: Land of Rampadha Krishnappa, Anjanappa and Others, **West by:** Road and land of W.H. Gopal Rao, **North by:** Land in Sy. No. 55, **South by:** Land of Muninarayanappa.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY

[PORTION OF SCHEDULE A PROPRETY ENCORACHED BY THE DEFENDANT No.1.]

All that piece and parcel of the land forming the portion of the schedule 'A' property to the extent of 1 Acre 20 Guntas (little more or less) comprised in New Sy. No. 158 and bounded on; **East by:** Land belonging to Rampada Krishnappa & brothers, **West by:** Government Road & Land of W.H. Gopal Rao, **North by:** Remaining land of Sy. No.158, **Southby:** Land of Muninarayanappa.

Given under my hand & seal of the court, this the 21st day of June 2024

By Order of the Court,
Sd/-

Senior Civil Judge & JMFC,
DEVANAHALLI

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O.S. No. 6600/2023

BETWEEN: Sri N.V. Kumaraswamy Udupa, S/o Late N. Venkataramana Udupa, aged about 65 years, Residing at No.1/1, 4th A Main, Byraveshwaranagar, Nagarbhavi Main Road, Bengaluru-560072 ...**PLAINTIFF**

AND: Smt. R. Kamakshamma & Others ... **DEFENDANT No. 1**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 1908.

DEFENDANTS: Def. No.1 Smt. R. Kamakshamma, W/o Sri S.R. Rajan, aged about 75 Years, Residing at No.67, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru- 560023.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff has filed Suit against the Defendant No.1 seeking the Specific Performance of the Agreement of Sale dated 25.09.2011 entered between Plaintiff and Defendant No. 1 in respect of the Suit Schedule Property mentioned in the Schedule. The Defendant No.1, above named is hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through a Pleader on **22-07-2024** at **11:00 AM** to defend the above case, failing which the matter will be heard ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Site bearing Old No.49 (Present Corporation No. 15) formed in Sy.No.83 of Nagarbhavi Village, Mallathalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, now forming part of Bruhath Benaluru Mahanagara Palike Ward No.127, measuring East to West 35 Feet and North to South 39 Feet, and bounded on: **East by:** Site No.1/1 belonging to the Plaintiff, **West by:** Property No.48 belonging to Kalaskar, **North by:** Property belonging to Perumal, **South by:** Road

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, on this 06-07-2024

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff: **G. Sanjay**
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India showed resilience to win T20 WC and celebrations told that story, says Laxman

It was a special feeling keeping in mind we had come close six months back in the 2023 ODI World Cup, adds the 49-year-old

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Batting great V.V.S. Laxman hailed India's "resilience" while winning the recent T20 World Cup "from the jaws of defeat", and said the passionate celebration by players and former head coach Rahul Dravid exemplified the value of that triumph to them.

India won its first ICC trophy after 11 years and its second T20 title after 17 years when it beat South Africa by seven runs in the final. "The kind of finish we had after we were under pressure with South Africa batters needing 30 runs off 30 balls. And from there to show character, resilience and self-belief to pull off the match from the jaws of defeat, it shows the character of the entire team," Laxman said in a video posted by the BCCI.

"The amount of hard work they put in, the celebrations (by the players and support staff) told the bigger story behind this victory." The 49-year-old Laxman, who is currently heading the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru, said the fervent celebrations by the team showed how much the victory meant to each of the players and the support staff.

"The entire country is rejoicing this win. It was a special feeling keeping in mind we had come close six months back. We should have won the 50-over World Cup, dominating the entire tournament but not being able to cross the final hurdle," he said.

Cherished: Laxman said the entire country is rejoicing the ICC T20 World Cup triumph. FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

Rodriguez enjoying stunning revival with Colombia

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Associated Press
WASHINGTON

Luis Diaz was unable to control his excitement – and tears – when talking about James Rodriguez, the key player in Colombia's journey to the Copa America final against Argentina on Sunday.

"From the moment I arrived at the national team, I let him know that he has always been my idol," Liverpool winger Díaz said.

"I grew up watching him." Such is the admiration that the midfielder, who turns 33 on Friday, attracts within the Colombian camp.

The 27-year-old Diaz was a teenager when James proved a sensation at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, where he won the Golden Boot as the tournament's top scorer and moved from Monaco to Real Madrid.

But for this Copa América, little was expected of James.

He arrived in the United States after a poor season at Brazilian club Sao Paulo, where he ended up being an afterthought and appeared to be on his way out of there.

Best player

But Colombia coach Nestor Lorenzo put his faith in him and James has rewarded that by re-emerging as, arguably, the best player at the tournament, establishing himself as the main focus.

"I have been here for almost 13 years, wanting this very much," said James, recalling an international career that began in September 2011. "We are happy."

James has a goal (a penalty) and six assists at this edition. The sixth – in the 1-0 victory against Uruguay in the semifinals – helped him surpass Lionel Messi's record (five in 2021) for the most assists in a single edition of the tournament since records began to be kept in 2011.

James will meet Messi in Sunday's final.

"I want to be champion. We know that they are a super complicated opponent, that they have experience playing in finals," James said.

Redemption: Considered a waning star, James Rodriguez has ripped up the script and has been a standout in this edition. AP

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Dhruv, Siddesh star in Friends Union CC (2)

Dhruv Modhe (100) and Siddesh Asalkar (84) powered Friends Union CC (2) past South End SC in the KSCA Group I, Division III league here.

The scores: Friends Union (2) 322/8 in 50 overs (Dhruv Modhe 100, Siddesh Asalkar 84, R. Darshan 60 n.o., Akhil Balachandra 27) bt South End SC 314/9 in 50 overs (Sadashiva Shyamsundar 86, Roshan Raju 116, P. Hrishikesh 47).

Jolly Cricketers 113 in 46 overs (Prithviraj 3/18, Sheetal Kumar 3/23) lost to Jayanagar Cricketers 117/4 in 22.4 overs (Ismail Mohtesham 26, Pratyush Cyril 27).

BEL Colony Recreation Club 218/9 in 50 overs (Gangaram 72, Shreyas 60, H.K. Vishwanath 3/43) lost to RV Engineering College Gymkhana 219/7 in 47 overs (Adarsh Rangappa 31, N. Shreyas 26, M.A. Adarsh 100 n.o., H.K. Vishwanath 25, Sunil Singh 5/43).

Jayanagar United Cricketers 208 in 48.2 overs (Rajarshi Mitra 28, Sundar 26, Ajendra Suresh 35, Sunil Kaushik 33, R. Amogh 3/29, N.G. Kushal 3/38) bt Hammonds CC 155 in 40.5 overs (N.G. Kushal 55, Gowhar Nabi 5/23).

Vijaya 309 in 47.1 overs (Sudeep Sateri 29, Dhruv Krishnan 41, Anvay Dravid 66, Swapnil Yelave 64, Sangam Hittalamani 25, Milan Bopanna 3/55, P. Dhakshath 4/46) bt Friends XI CC 234 in 44.1 overs (Abid Ali 26, Yashaswin Gowda 52, B.S. Suhas 64, Ashwin Ram 3/27).

Bangalore SC 150 in 38.4 overs (S.J. Aadharsh 30, B.C. Vinay 37, Pavan Deshpande 3/29, S. Arvind 4/17) lost to Cavaliers CC 154/9 in 42.5 overs (Hardik Suvarna 33, Pavan Deshpande 49 n.o., Sujay Kulkarni 4/26, Pradeep Kumar 3/30).

City Gymkhana 208 in 42.3 overs (Abhishek 36, Chandrashekar Shastre 42, H.B. Raghuveer 36, Sarfaraz Ashraf 3/55) lost to Young Lions Club 211/5 in 41.2 overs (Kumar Yadav 39, R. Yuvraj 76 n.o., P. Pramodh 50).

Narrow win for SAT (STC)

SAT (STC) defeated Karnataka State Police 3-2 in the 8th Hockey Karnataka league here.

The results: SAI (STC) 3 (D.R. Pavan 27, Arshdeep Kapoor 32, 48) bt Karnataka State Police 2 (B. Manikanta 28, Vasanth Kumar 36).

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